

'Dunblane will happen at any time again, unless decisive action is taken' - Colin Campbell QC at the Dunblane inquiry yesterday. Minutes later, a machete attack began in a Wolverhampton school...

# Terror returns to the playground

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A man wielding a machete burst into an infants' school yesterday and ran amok, slashing at children and wounding a teacher. The attacker climbed over a fence into St Luke's Church of England school in Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, and attacked adults and pupils as they were enjoying a teddy bears' picnic.

The incident - echoing the Dunblane tragedy four months - came within minutes of Colin Campbell, QC, telling. the judicial inquiry into the massacre at the Scottish school that a similar attack "will happen again at any time unless decisive action is taken".

Mr Campbell was still on his feet addressing the inquiry as the attack began shortly after 3pm. Parents were waiting to pick up their children and take them home. Several parents were helping teachers organise a picnic as part of end-of-term activities when the attacker scaled the school fence.

adults were injured in the attack: a three-year-old boy, two fouryear-old girls, a teacher, a mother, a playgroup leader and one

One parent, Bala Bains, 28, said he tried divert the attacker's attention as he lashed out with the machete.

Mr Bains, a courier, was waiting to collect his son Amar, from school when he saw a man loitering in nearby bushes: "I thought he was a litter collector." he said. "Then I saw him jump over the school wall and reach into his bag. He pulled out a huge machete. I didn't know

March 1996: Thomas Hamilton shot dead one woman teacher and 16 five-year-olds at Dunblane primary school. December 1995: London headmaster Philip Lawrence

was knifed to death after

Functional fashion

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helping a pupil who was be-ing attacked by youths. June 1994: Man with flame thrower severely injured A-level pupils in Northern Ireland. March 1994: Nikki Conroy, 12, stabbed to death by Stephen Wilkinson at Hall Garth School, Middlesborough. Summer 1993: Youth with shotgun and machete tried to hold a class hostage at landsworth Wood Girls

on my mobile phone. He just walked straight towards one of head. She didn't even see him Fer: "Nobody has yet been ar coming. She just went down, I don't think she moved.

school, Birmingham.

"The guy jumped over a little 2ft fence where the kids' play Three children and four area is and just started backing at anybody and everybody. I kept close to him and even-

tually got his attention by shouting 'Come on, get me you stard. He looked at me and moved towards me smiling. He tried to slash me with the knife but I jumped back and he missed. Then he just turned and walked away. He cut one more child before he finally left. He dren. What possible benefit is didn't even look as if he was

panicking, he was very calm." A spokesman for Wolverhampton's New Cross hospital said a woman aged 29 was in a serious condition and in the operating theatre. Three children aged three and four suffered disfiguring lacerations to the head. The condition of all three was stable and they were expected

to undergo surgery. Paul Shields, chief executive at New Cross Hospital, said: The patients have some nasty injuries but their condition, as we see it at the moment, is not life-threatening. One of the adults and one of the children

are in a serious condition. "One child has facial injuries and another sustained injuries to the head. The rest had injuries on their legs and arms."

The attack ended when a parent chased a man from the school towards a nearby block of flats. Police surrounded the block, Villiers House, and the area cordoned off. Officers with riot gear and a trained negotiator waited for nearly two hours before taking away a man. But Superintendent Pat Wing, of the mothers and slashed at her & West Midlands police, said lat-

rested. We are still searching the locality." He said the search was increasing in intensity and would continue through the night.

Parents from Dunblane, where gunman Thomas Hamilton murdered a teacher and 16 children before killing himself. were stunned by news of the attack. Their feelings were summed up by a local councillor, Arthur Ironside, who said: "We are all sickened by this atrocity. No one can understand

there for this evil man'. "Our own tragedy happened just four months ago. Now every parent involved will be reliving the hell of that day and the weeks that followed."

A spokesman for Dunblane Primary School said: "It's shattering to hear something like this could happen again. We thought it was a nightmare nev-er to be repeated. To think other parents have to go what we

went through." education Bob Jones said security at St Luke's was up to date following the Dunblane tragedy. The school was surrounded by a fence, thought to be at least oft tall, and there were bolts and locks on all the gates and doors.

Gillian Shephard. Secretary of State for Education, said she was "horrified" by the attack. "My heartfelt sympathies go to those injured and their families."



### Attack confirms fears of teachers

Wolverhampton's chair of The attack on St Luke's comes at a time when concern about school security has peaked, after a series of violent incidents in schools.

Headteachers last night attacked the Government for its delay in providing extra funds for school security.

Gillian Shephard, the Secre-tary of State for Education, promised more money in May. after the report of a working party set up following the death

of Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster who was stabbed to death, But she said it would not

be available immediately. Teachers recognise that it is impossible to protect all schools against lone attackers hent on violence, but the National Association of Head Teachers be-

lieves more could be done. Heads reckon that £50m is needed to pay for measures recommended by the working party, including closed circuit television cameras, intruder alarms, security fencing and

At present, schools have to bid with each other for grants to install closed circuit televi-

Rowie Shaw, a spokeswoman for the association, said: "This money should be available for all schools. This kind of tragedy can occur in any school in the country and it is no reflection at all on the school that this has happened."

David Blunkett, the shadow Secretary of State for Education, emphasised that better security alone would not solve

"While improving school security is important, it is also essafer." sential that the potential attackers are identified. There must be the closest co-operation between GPs, hospital staff, police and the probation service. rather than relying on fortress

schooling." Robin Squire, the schools minister, said money for security was the highest priority.

We are doing everything we can. Can I also, as a parent, reassure parents that this ghastly incident was not typical and that schools remain over-

whelmingly safe and are getting

A new law to come into force shortly will make it a criminal offence to carry an offensive weapon on school premises. Eamonn O'Kane, deputy

general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said: "Tragically this event seems to underline the points that we and others have been making for some time. which is that security for schools is going to have to become a pri-

# Aftermath: Children's toys lie abandoned after the attack

during a teddy bear's picnic

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# Vorld takes first steps to ban the bomb

**CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY** Defence Correspondent

International legal restrictions have been placed on nuclear weapons for the first time, hastening a growing trend to avoid dependence on nuclear forces. The World Court in The Hague yesterday set important limitations on the use or threat of use of such weapons. But the Court, which is the world's

supreme judicial body, stopped

short of an outright ban on the

possession, use or threat of use of nuclear devices. Last night, anti-nuclear pressure groups, including CND, were claiming victory in the close-run decision. But diplomatic sources took comfort in . duck the issue. the Court's refusal to rule that

circumstances.

The Court ruled: "The threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict and, in particular, the principles and rules of humanitarian law."

However, it added: "The Court cannot conclude definitively whether the threat or use of nuclear weapons would be lawful or unlawful in an extreme circumstance of self-defence, in which the very survival of a state would be at stake."

Nevertheless, its unexpectedly robust decision delighted anti-nuclear campaigners, who had feared the Court would

The landmark decision has the threat or use of nuclear been keenly awaited by anti-

nuclear groups and the five legal would have made the pol-official nuclear powers since a licy of nuclear deterrence - on large majority of the UN General Assembly asked for it in December 1994.

The case was also crucial to the authority of the World Court. The vote was balanced on a knife edge - seven judges voted for the decision, seven against, with a casting vote made by the Algerian President, Mohammed Bedjaoui.

It was the first time the International Court of Justice had been asked to rule on the legality of any weapon, but its decision had awesome implications.

If it had refused to make a ruling, it consigned itself to irrelevance and humiliation. A decision that the threat or

use of nuclear weapons was il-

which the five official nuclear powers have depended for their security – illegal.

That did not happen vesterday, but threats by Britain and other nuclear-armed countries to use nuclear weapons in response to limited strikes or against third world states were ruled illegal, unless their very survival was at stake.

It has long been understood that the five official nuclear powers - the US, Russia, Britain France and China would only use nuclear weapons as a weapon of last resort.

However, the rise of nuclear "threshold" powers - lraq, India. Pakistan and Israel, which do have nuclear weapons but are not official members of

weapons would be delivered against a renegade state or Third World country, possibly as a "warning shot". Britain cancelled the RAF's tactical nuclear missile, which was partly intended for this role, but announced it would,

to doctrines of "sub-strategic"

nuclear deterrence, in which

small, highly-accurate nuclear

siles with single warheads to do the same job. The World Court ruling effectively says that any form of "sub-strategic" nuclear deterrence is, by definition, illegal.

if necessary, arm Trident mis-

The Court has no mechanisms to enforce its judgment, but it is in tune with new military thinking.

The verdict will reinforce

the nuclear club - has given rise the pressure for less reliance on nuclear weapons which has been gathering momentum as more powerful and accurate conventional weapons become available, such as those used in the Gulf war against Iraq. The US Navy recently pub-

lished a paper stressing the need for massive and highly accurate conventional strikes to bridge the gap between operations by conventional armed forces and nuclear strikes. The Royal Navy is to get US

Tomahawk cruise missiles with high-explosive warheads to do a similar job, and the RAF is hoping to learn shortly which missiles suitable for hitting strategic targets from a safe distance it is to get. That decision could be made this week.



with prevailing military trends. none of the established nuclear powers is yet ready to eschew nuclear weapons as its last resort. Nuclear deterrence is the policy of the present Government in Britain, and Tony Blair reaffirmed two weeks ago, of a Though the verdict is in line future Labour Government too.

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# Strike sends Lady Olga into a road rage

Transport questions in the House. And the main transport question, given yesterday's Lon-don tube strike (the third in three weeks), was how did our various heroes and heroines get to the House?

Clare Short, she told Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, had walked from Euston [where her train from Birmingham had terminated] with a very heavy bag". But was there no passing motorist who could have assisted her? Is chivalry dead? I would far rather believe that, given London's traffic speeds, they were all travelling far more slowly than the determined Ms Short, whose majestic progress down Tottenham Court Road.



DAVID AARONOVITCH

as captured on short-circuit television, should now be made available on video for hire. Lady Olga Maitland (Con, Sutton and Cheam) must have travelled most of the way by aeroplane, having just been the recipient of some hospitality (chronicled in this newspaper) on the part of a chap called Joe

Toblerone (or something), head honcho of Maltese Tourism. rage. Critics of Lady Olga She had clearly been looking forward to joining the democratic throng, lugging her week-end bags on to the Piccadilly Line and then straight to the House. Unhappily the industrial action threarted her plans and forced her into a vehicle of some description (probably some appalling Jag or vulgar Merc). To Labour cries of "look, it's

the Maltese Falcon", a some-what restrained Lady Olga (only one string of pearls, her more severe pair of glasses, no swimsuit) told MPs that the strike was forcing people to use their cars, "making road rage more likely" (this is incontestable: if no one was on the

rage. Critics of Lady Olga should bear such insights in mind). More controversial was her suggestion that it was "all because the party opposite will not condemn strikes". Lady Olga must be forgiven her lapses of memory (she travels abroad a great deal, apparently), but most of us old things because that the strikes abroad a strike of the strikes with the strikes and the strikes are strikes the strikes are strikes the strikes are strikes. know that the worst strikes happen precisely when Labour does condemn them. "Someone give 'er a ride 'ome', said Den-

nis Skinner, unhelpfully. The transport minister Steve Norris (whose wit and urbanity will be missed when he retires at the next election) replied that he thought that road rage was as old as motoring. "In the

1920s they used hit each other over the head with starting handles." he said. Motorists needed "patience and calm". Which were qualities that apwhich were quanties that appeared to desert William O'Brien (Lab, Normanton).

Mr O'Brien was once a coal

miner and, with his craggy features, looks as though he was himself hewn from a very deep seam. Reddening with anger Mr O'Brien condemned those who committed violence in road rage cases, especially where killing took place. The penalty should fit the crime! he thundered. Personally I look forward to public executions on the M25 when New Labour comes to power, but I should warn Mr O'Brien that this pledge wasn't

in my copy of New Life for Britain.

It is widely believed that the erratic Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Con, Lancaster) does not have long distances to travel to the House, since she probably occupies secure accommodation in a small apartment just above Big Ben. Nevertheless, she had thoughts on road rage. "In my day", she said firmly, "it would have been known as temper tantrums." So here's today's challenge: £10 to any reader who can tell me when Dame Elame's day was. And £15 for anyone who dares stop Clare Short next Tuesday (when Aslef strikes again) and

offer her - and her bag - a lift. Union barons, page 6

# Drumcree locked in battle of wills

MICHAEL STREETER

A drawn-out battle of wills between Orangemen and police looked set to continue last night as the "siege of Drumcree" sparked outbreaks of violence in Northern Ireland.

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, called on the Prime Minister, John Major, to intervene as for the second day Royal Ulster Constabulary officers barred loyalists from marching through a Catholic area of Portadown, Co Armagh.

Tensions in both communities ran high as scores of loyalist youths hijacked and set fire to four lorries in the town centre after police had broken up

Mr Trimble accused officers of "deliberate provocation" after they fired plastic bullets at loyalists as soldiers set up a concrete and barbed wire barricade on the Drumcree Road leading into the Catholic area of Gar-

vaghy Road. The district Orange leader. Harold Gracey, promised fur-ther action throughout the province unless they were able to march down the route. "We have our contingency plans. I think the province is going to erupt," he added. "This is not just the siege of Drumcree but the siege of Ulster.

· Political leaders warned the growing violence could threaten the fragile peace in the

province. The stand-off looked likely to last longer than the three-day confrontation last year when loyalists eventually marched

along the route in silence. Among the 5,000-strong Catholic community the feeling was of "resolute determination" not to allow the Orangemen to have their way again. Breandan MacCionnaith of the Garvaghy Road Residents Association said: "We have had two days of violence and there is no sign of the Unionist leaders trying to control their people." In an attempt to break Sunday, 50 yards from Drum-



Beyond the barricade: Orangemen at Portadown yesterday where the standoff with the RUC continues

the logiam Mr Trimble and the Democratic Unionist leader, in to clear the way they were Ian Paisley, called on Downing Street for action.

The worst violence came in Portadown town centre when police broke up loyalist demonstrations at noon. At least four lorries were set on fire

away.
The RUC, which on Saturday decided to ban the march, erected a concrete and barbed wire barrier at the point where the marchers were halted on

cree church. As officers moved pelted with missiles, and responded with plastic bullets. Last night up to 2,000 police

lovalist protesters. Police said it was too early to link the murder of a Catholic to establish impromptu road- man found dead near Lurgan, blocks which the Army cleared a few miles from Portadown, with the sectarian disturbances

in the town. Part-time taxi-driver Michael McGoldrick, 31, from Lurgan, was found dead with head injuries yesterday morning.

officers faced several thousand Early on Sunday morning, I was transported in a red MG Midget sports car to Portadown by Graham, historian, teacher

his bowler hat, orange collarette and white gloves. After a press conference, The sectarian divide, page 15 David Trimble, the OUP leader lamented that although he had prudently brought a book, he feared it would prove too short

and Orangeman, who is wear-

ing a three-piece suit to set off

to keep him going throughout the expected siege.
I engaged in a lengthy con-versation with a notorious, earringed, skinhead loyalist non-Orangeman known locally as King Rat, who, in current coy terminology, is close to the UVE In his articulate and uncompromising way, he indicated that this last straw brings the loyalist ceasefire effectively to an end. He called me "Dear" throughout, for, except in republican politically correct circles, Ulster is a place where women are the fair sex and are

referred to as girls or ladies. On foot, we accompanied the 2,000 or so Orangemen on their four-mile parade to Drumcree parish church; the streets were lined with cheering crowds. It was clear that had the Orangemen backed down, they

but being bored in a field?"

attender at Orange marches, on the atmosphere before last night's violence

What is the Twelfth of July

would have been given the white-feather treatment: one child carried a sign saying: "Daddy, don't let them take my culture away".

As with the other Orange marches I've attended, it was very much a good-humoured family event: there were bundreds of women and children around the place, and Daphne Trimble arrived with overnight necessities for David, who conducted a long telephone conversation with a journalist in London, while sitting with his three of his young children at a table outside the church

Having been told by a large Orangeman that Catholics were so corrupted by their religion that they sent their children to paedophile priests, and that Gerry Adams was the Son of Satan and will be alive when the world comes to an end, I reported to Graham that I night."

Ruth Dudley

Edwards, a frequent

have met a genuine, 100 per cent bigot. "There was," he observed judiciously, "a difference between a bigot and a nut."

By mid-afternoon, I realised that the secret weapon of Ulster Protestants was an immense capacity for enduring boredom. Orangemen sat in the middle of nowhere, equably contemplating days of hanging about waiting. I acquainted Graham with this great troth. "But what else are monthly lodge meetings for, but to equip Orangemen to be bored?" he asked. "And what is the Twelfth of July, but being bored in a field?"

There was excitement, though, when two women walked through, carrying a large poster saying: "It must be war . . . Kate Adie's here" and Adie-spotting became the popular sport. At midnight I arrived at the house of my host, another historian and teacher, and asked why, after his local church parade, he didn't go on to Drumcree to bolster up his brethren. "It was awkward," he said. "A Catholic neighbour dropped in for a chat and I thought it would be tactless to leave him to go to Drumcree. But I'll be there tomorrow

A Cabinet reshuffle was ruled out by the Prime Minister's office yesterday; lifting the threat of humiliating dismissal or demotion from some, and killing all hope of pre-election promotion for many more. John Major had already given a personal assurance that Douglas Hogg, the beleaguered Agriculture Minister. would be safe – in spite of rampant Westminster speculation of the PDE of the chop because of his

mishandling of the BSE affair.

But there has also been further speculation about the fate of Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, and John Gummer, the Secretary of State for the Environment. However, two middle-ranking state for the Environment. However, two initials-ranking ministers, Steven Norris and Tim Eggar, are both standing down from the Commons at the general election, and they have told Mr Major that they want to give up their Government posts this summer, opening the way for Mr Major to promote some backbenchers and give them their last chance of a taste of office before the election.

North Essex Health Authority has played down claims that 17 children were stricken with a serious crippling illness after paddling on a beach. It said it knew of only three children in its area suffering from the rare condition. called Henoch-Schonlein purpora syndrome, and there was no evidence to link the cases with allegedly polluted

sea water in Harwich. However, it appealed to all GPs and neighbouring health authorities to check their records just in case. Fears were sparked by the case of Jessica Macrae, six, who missed eight months of school after falling ill with the syndrome, and her brother Duncan, five. Louise Jury

Six out of ten parents are satisfied with the Government's nursery vouchers scheme, but it has had almost no effect on parental choice, according to a survey published yesterday. Labour pointed out that nearly £2.75m of vouchers had been issued to parents, but not

Hardly any parents used the list of providers to choose their nursery place, though the scheme aimed to encourage them to shop around. More than 90 per cent of parents in the four areas where it is being piloted have applied for vouchers and more than eight in ten have redeemed them, says the Government-commissioned research. Judith Judd

The death of a policeman, for nearly 100 years the only unsolved murder of a Metropolitan police officer. was marked yesterday with the unveiling of a new memorial. A simple black slate plaque, engraved with gold lettering, was unveiled to the memory of PC Frederick Atkins, 23, on the wall outside the police station in New Malden High Street, 115 years after he was shot by a

His death sparked such public outrage that extra trains had to be laid to carry more than 2,000 mourners to his funeral at St Mary's Church, Walton, his home town. But despite a vast manhunt, nobody was ever charged.

Sir Edward Heath celebrated his 80th birthday by attacking John Major's strategy for dealing with the Labour Leader, Tony Blair. Sir Edward, the former Conservative Prime Minister, who will be standing again at the next election for Old Bexley and Sidcup, said the Tories' new slogan, "New Labour, New Danger" was "absolutely wrong".

He warned in a BBC radio interview that the Tories

could not win the next general election by harking back to the past. "For young voters, just getting their first vote at the age of 18, to go on talking about the 60s and 70s and go back to the 1926 General Strike doesn't carry any weight with them at all."Colin Brown

Uthe winter months which is so severe it can be disabling, a psychiatrist said yesterday. Dr Chris Thompson, an expert in Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD, at Southampton University, said sufferers showed impaired function of a chemical in the brain during the winter. In the summer this appeared to be restored

SAD was first described in 1985 and many scientists remain sceptical of its existence. However, all mammals display seasonal differences in their physiological functioning, and doctors report success with sufferers treated with light therapy. Melatonin, produced by the pineal gland in the brain, which helps to maintain bodily rhythms, has also been found to be far lower in SAD sufferers than non-depressed people in winter mouths.

Daley Thompson gave his stamp of approval yesterday to a new set of first class stamps from the Royal Mail. The double Olympic champion unveiled the stamps, in celebration of 100 years of the Olympic games. Featuring both Olympic and Paralympic athletes, they show a sprinter, a javelin thrower, a swimmer and a triumphant athlete with the Olympic rings behind.

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### Dead girl's father is quizzed

LOUISE JURY

The father of a schoolgirl found battered to death beside a railway line was last night being questioned over her death.

Police said Alan Priest, 34, the natural father of Jade Matthews, nine, of Bootle in Merseyside, was being held as part of routine investigations

into her killing.

They were also anxious to speak to three young boys seen on the railway line where Jade was discovered with serious

head injuries early yesterday. Dozens of people turned out to search for the missing girl as the case reignited painful mem-ories in the community of the killing of toddler Jamie Bulger by two 10-year-olds in 1993.

Jade Matthews, an only child, left her home in Eaton Avenue. Bootle, at 4pm on Sunday to go

Her mother Denise, 31, and stepfather Stephen, 37, became worried when she had not returned by 7.30pm. They tried to

find her, and finally raised the alarm with police at 9pm. Early yesterday, a police dog handler discovered Jade's body laying alongside a rarely-used

miles away. She was still wearing the pink sweatshirt, blue jeans and white Reebok trainers she had on when she left home.

goods rail track one and a half

Detective Superintendent Geoff MacDonald, who was involved in the Bulger inquiry. said three boys were seen by a passer-by on the railway track at about 8pm on Sunday.

Mr MacDonald stressed they would not be in trouble for trespassing on the line, but said: "We are most anxious to trace those children and would ask them to come forward."

He was keeping an "open mind" about whether children could have been involved in Jade Matthews' death.

Mr MacDonald said her severe facial injuries appeared likely to have been caused by a der and ordered to be detained blunt instrument. It was too caratter Majesty's Pleasure.

ly to say whether or not she had been sexually assaulted. Forensic experts were exam-

ining a number of bloodstained items found at the scene, including a plank of wood. Neighbours said Jade was a "little angel". Tommy Clube, 61,

said: "Jade was a very pleasant well-mannered little girl." Bob Branch, head teacher at Jade's school, Orrell Primary, said the mood among pupils was very sad. "We are just trying to cope as best we can." Iwo-year-old Jamie Bulger

died three years ago after he left his mother's side in Bootle's Strand shopping centre with two boys. Robert Thompson and

Jon Venables, both aged 10. They dragged Jamie two and a half miles to a stretch of railway track, where he was then hit with bricks and a heavy metal bar and punched, kicked

and stamped upon. Thompson and Venables were both found guilty of murUse this voucher to try our 12-page Summer of Sport pull-out this Wednesday

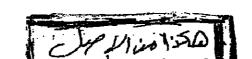
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# Around the world – or just around the bend?

She returned to a hero's welcome, a champagne spray and wailing sirens. Samantha Brewster, 29, glided into Southampton yesterday in her 67ft yacht after becoming the first woman to sail solo the

"wrong" way around the world. But as Ms Brewster stepped onto land, exhausted by the 247. day marathon, and joined the growing list of champions of endurance, a question loomed, What madness is it that drives so many modern Britons into the eye of the storm?

Ms Brewster said yesterday from the Heath Insured, which would normally carry a crew of 14: "I'm more mad than I thought. It was so hard to keep going, not having anyone else out there. Although I did get a lot of advice from the team on the shore, you're completely on your own out there. So many times I thought: why am I doing

The challenge was put to her at the wedding of Chay Blyth, the sailor who defied sceptics in 1971 by being the first to complete that trip alone.

Ms Brewster said: "Everyone had had too much champagne, and I thought it would be forgotten about once everybody had sobered up,"

instead, last October, she began her odyssey from Southampton accompanied only by her mascot. Gutsy the toy gorilla.
Her cargo included 500 long-

life dried meals, tins of spinach, 36 boxes of porridge, six jars of honey, 1.5kg of jelly babies and a bottle of rum.

In the course of her journey, Ms Brewster faced some of the greatest physical challenges.

She almost gave up when the mainsail was damaged as she approached Australia, and it took her more than 48 hours to repair the huge bulk, which weighs around a quarter of

Ms Brewster has followed an arguably glorious but mad British tradition.

As a maritime people. Britons have always been forced on to the waters by their island status and driven to the forefront of naval endeavour and exploration. As knowledge grew and the world became smaller. sailors took up more personal challenges and moved into yachting in record numbers.

Slocum, a Canadian, was the wrong way round the world in first man to sail solo round the world: then, in 1969, a Briton. Robin Knox-Johnston circumnavigated it non-stop for the first time alone. In 1973, Clare Francis made a single-handed transatlantic crossing; and Mike

iust 161 days.

Ms Brewster said: "When I felt like giving up. it was my family and friends who saw me through. My brother sent me a letter saying he'd gone through life doing all the normal things Golding set the record last year and he was so proud his sister

this and could achieve it. That was very special."

According to psychologists, her personality fits exactly the profile of the peculiarly British breed of solo sailors. Ms Brewster, a farmer's daughter, is fiercely self-reliant, and, on her own admission, is intolerant of

tailed to date. It reveals the most

common form of harassment is

sending unwanted flowers, chocolates, pizzas and porno-

graphic magazines. But there are

more sinister variations: one

woman was sent a beheaded cat,

another a pig's head with a threat nailed on it, and two

were sent voodoo dolls impaled

with pins. Two victims moved

countries to evade their stalkers, from New Zealand to Australia,

only to be followed there. Many

Most stalkers are men but

woman also stalk men and Dr

Mullen has studied eight cases

where women were stalked by

other women. "The motive is

not always sexual," he said.

"One of the most persistent

women stalkers was looking

for the ideal friend. She was

heterosexual but stalked other

women because she was looking for a sort of mother figure."

More than half the victims

were threatened by a stalker and

one-third were physically as-

saulted. However, one stalker

just wanted his victim to listen;

he wrestled her to the ground,

sat on her chest and read a love

no acquaintance or only a very

One-third of the victims had

poem to her.

are forced to change jobs.

Dr George Sik, a psychologist who has worked with yacht crews, said: "Compared to other people, they can be intensely assertive and impulsive, certainly eccentric, though not entirely barking mad. The most surprising thing with Chay Blyth was his lack of organisation and

sense of 'just get the money together, go off and have a go. which, by any rational standards, is an unusually impulsive way of going about things. That is certainly what separates these

explorers from other people." This impulsiveness is shared

He added: "There was this his needs along the way.

turers, including the explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes. He has described how he often forgets to take the right equipment on treks and tends to improvise as he goes along, making things fit

Brewster (left) in her yacht,

becoming the first woman to sail the 'wrong way' round

the world; Clare Francis

(above), who crossed the

Mantic in 1973; and Chay

Blyth (below), who was first

to circumnavigate the globe

Health insured after

known as a best-selling crime or drown."

that there is a degree of madness involved in taken on the seas alone.

"It wasn't a sporting thing for me," she said. "It was more of an odyssey and I could never have carried on. For me, the sea is incredibly boring after a while. It just goes on and on. It was a spiritual thing, but it was a very short period of my life." The tradition of lone voyage

has become so established among British sailors that round-the-world trips are relatively commonplace. Only the speed in which they

are completed, or the handicaps that are overcome, make them extraordinary. Leslie Powles, 70, dubbed the Ancient Mariner, returned

from his third round-the-world voyage on Sunday. The fourmonth trip nearly cost him his life. He went off-air, and friends feared he had been lost at sea. Despite being knocked

unconscious, and running short of food and water he survived aboard his 34ft sloop, Solitaire. He rationed himself to a quarter of a tin of corned beef and two spoonfuls of rice a day and finally sailed into Lymington in Hampshire at the weekend.

Mr Powles said: "There was

water coming in the boat all the time, but I could not move for 24 hours. I just sat there and watched it . . . I am not going to go round the world again. I think three times is enough and you start to get giddy if you go round more than three

However, the courageous folly of Britain's solo voyagers was defended yesterday by John Reed, secretary of the World Sailing Speed Record Council, the official body set up to monitor the challenges to existing records for completing

voyages.

Mr Reed said: "People have started to look at it as a challenge to break time records, which is becoming more and more difficult as they get faster and faster. It's a natural part of human endeavour. They're certainly not mad."

He added: "They're extremely keen yachtsmen who are very self-reliant, and wish to prove their abilities, which are considerable. People who are Ms Francis, now better mad in yachts jump overboard

# Misplaced love that makes women's lives a misery

Health Editor

For six months she tolerated his presence in her life, at first more irritated than auxious as he began following her home from work, and standing close up behind her on the station platform and in the train.

Then he took to standing out-side her house all night. Whatever the hour, whatever the weather, if she looked out of the window she would see him across the street. She wanted it to stop but the police seemed powerless against the man who stalked her.

The woman, a client of Dr Paul Mullen, a British forensic psychiatrist at Monash University in Melbourne and a world authority on stalking behaviour, was very strong mentally. She thought she could cope, Dr Mulien said - until the evening when she scored her first small victory over the man.

He was following her home from work when she darted into a shop. She went out of the back door and ran to the station convinced she had given him the slip. Then she saw him; the top of his head appeared over the embankment, and she watched mesmerised as he scaled a wall. slithered down the steep slope to the railway line and braved the live rails and trains to reach the platform. He climbed up and took his usual position behind her. That was when she "freaked out", Dr Mullen said.

Today the Government launches its consultation document on anti-stalking legislation, and Dr Mullen has added his voice to calls for Britain to follow the United States and Australia with laws to protect the victims and improve access to psychiatric help for the perpetrators who he said can be cured of their obsessional behaviour.

One in seven victims of stalking experience post-traumatic distress syndrome and onequarter of them think about suicide, Dr Mullen told an international meeting of psychiatrists in London yesterday. For his former client, the breaking point came with the realisation that her stalker would put his own life at risk in order to be close to her.

Men driven by obsession



Klaus Wagner

were dropped. He was arrest-

Family. He practised as an or-

six years, but was jailed for mak-

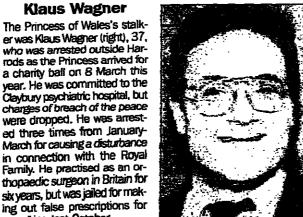
morphine last October.

against Robert Hoskins (left) in a United States court last March, telling the judge that she had been suffering from nightmares and even felt

**Robert Hoskins** 

The singer Madonna testified

forced to sell her house because of his unwelcome atsentenced to 10 years in prison for stalking and making terrorist threats. The court was told that he had vowed to many Madonna or cut her throat. He was arrested when a bodyguard shot him as he tried to break into her estate.



John Hinckley

Jodie Foster was stalked in the United States by John Hinckley (left), now 41, who attempted to assassinate President Ronald Reagan on 30 March 1981, and claimed it was a stunt to impress Foster. A court found Hinckley not guilty by reason of insanity and he is now incarcerated in a mental hospital in Washington. His obsession with the actress began after her role as 12year-old prostitute in the film Taxi Driver. Hinckley showered Foster with love letters and phone calls.

"She thought 'if he would do "In fact many of the victims are that, what wouldn't be do' ... relieved if an assault is made be-What destroys people is not a cause then they have some redramatic incident or physical assault but the apprehension persistence of someone in their lives, of not knowing what they the Association of European Psy-will do next," Dr Mullen said. chiatrists, is one of the most de-serial killers exhibit this pattern.

course to law. His study of 30 victims of stalk-

casual acquaintance with their shadow. One-third were former lovers - the stalker could not believe that he or she had been rejected and was driven by rage and incomprehension, or a desire to wreak revenge. Another third had met at work, and the obsession may have been prompted by a missed promotion or failure to get a new job.

A minority of the perpetrators suffer from erotomania, Dr Mullen said. This is a mental disorder which manifests as a morbid and delusional preoccupation with a person whom they "love", and whose behaviour to them is always interpreted as love. Another group are the socially incompetent for whom this is the closest they can get to having a relationship. Many are intellectually disabled, he said.

Finally, there is a tiny number of dangerous, predatory stalkers who take sadistic pleasure in the fear they induce in ers, presented to the meeting of their victims, and may make a

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MPs' rise: Ministers move to cool the backbenchers

# Cut in petrol perk fuels Tory revolt on pay

COLIN BROWN and JOHN RENTOUL

The Tory MP Nicholas Winterton was last night threatening to lead a Conservative backbench revolt over a threat to cut MPs' mileage allowances from 74p per mile to 47p as part of

their pay package.

The move was gathering support among disgruntled Labour MPs who say they could be worse off, in spite of a proposed 16 per cent increase, because of the proposals. The Govern-ment, which is calling on MPs to support pay restraint, was last night seeking to play on the discontent by tabling a motion for a vote tomorrow enabling the MPs to keep their 74p mileage allowance providing they limit

their pay rise to 3 per cent.

There were also signs of a split in the Shadow Cabinet over Tony Blair's decision to back John Major's call for pay rises to be limited to 3 per cent while allowing a free vote. Some were furious with Mr Blair. "If we don't get the pay rise now, we will never get them under a



Winterton: Threatening to

Labour Government," said one of Mr Blair's colleagues, Mr Winterton, MP for Con-

gleton, will table an amendment to seek a review of mileage allowances. That would allow the MPs to vote for the 26 per cent pay rise, increasing MPs' pay from £34,085 to £43,000 a year.

Labour MPs calculated that the taxed pay rise would deliver a net £5,600 a year increase. but they would lose at least £5,400 with the cut in mileage allowances for those with large cars who do 20,000 miles a year. As the allowance is taxed, they would be worse off.

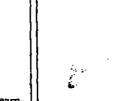
Soundings among MPs yesterday suggested a close vote with many Labour frontbenchers and whips intending to ignore Mr Blair's lead, and the backbenches of both main

parties in favour of a pay rise.

Despite Mr Blair's declaration that he favoured restraint, he is expected to miss the vote. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, declared yesterday that he would be "voting for restraint".

In January, 298 MPs, nearly half the membership of the House, signed a motion calling for the issue of their pay to be referred to an independent body. Nearly 200 of the MPs who signed were Labour, including frontbenchers and whips. Most Labour signatories were yesterday intending to

vote for the proposed pay rise.
"If you ask for an independent review you have to stand by that," said Angela Eagle, MP for Wallasey. "It is ridiculous that the Prime Minister's advisers earn more than he does, but the quid pro quo has to be



motion who say they will not

vote for the review body's recommendation are leftwingers. Tony Banks said: "I am not voting for my own money." He signed the original motion to take the decision away from MPs, he said.

ings at all."
Senior Tory backbenchers

agreed: "What is the point of

calling for an independent re-

view if you're not going to ac-cept the findings?" asked one.

He predicted many ministers

and their aides would stay away.

The main group of Labour MPs who signed the January



Royal divorce is a trade for mugs

JOJO MOYES

Divorce: it's a mug's game. Or soon will be, if demand for the one marked "Charles and Di Divorce" is anything to go by.

The specialist china company J and S Chown in Cornwall has increased its original production run of 300 mugs – showing the Welsh and Union flags drooping and the Prince and Princess looking away from each other - to 2.200.

With the multi-million pound divorce due possibly within weeks, collectors worldwide are requesting the £9.99 bone

china memento.
"We didn't feel comfortable about doing it at first," said Wendy Chown, the company's sales director, but "It could do

us some lovely business."
"Andy and Fergie Divorce"
mugs are also planned. Miss Chown would not say whether

the design featured toes. The first royal mug was for Charles IT's accession in 1660.

### Commons couple drive hard bargain

MP for Macclesfield, makes sonable frame of mind, and sufno excuses for driving a £45,000 Range Rover which does about 20 miles to the gallon on the sible for two busy MPs keeping motorway, writes Colin Brown.

He and his wife Ann, who is the country, he added. They the Conservative MP for the have to travel each Monday with neighbouring constituency of their cases, food, which they Congleton, travel together on bring from the constituency, Mondays the 180 miles from clean clothes and clean sheets. Cheshire to Westminster.

qualifies for a mileage al- not the right time [for MPs to lowance at the rate of 74p a mile, which works out at £133.20. He does not believe claiming the expenses of £266 for the round trip is excessive.

Two rail tickets would be considerably more than that," he said. Travelling by Range Rover, said Mr Winterton, ensures he is "comfortable and safe" on the journey.

When you are going to do

Nicholas Winterton, the Tory arrive in comfort and in a reaficiently alert."

Rail travel would not be posa flat in London and a house in

heshire to Westminster. Several people have said to me over the weekend that it is

make demands about pay].
"Frankly, there is never a right time. I am considering putting down an amendment saying this is a matter which should be resolved by a committee because I don't think Parliament should say what sort of car MPs should drive."

Mr Winterton is also concerned that retiring MPs would lose some of their pension enti-180 miles on the motorways that are a harrowing to say the least, are linked to pensions – are you should should be able to pegged to 3 per cent.





#### DAILY POEM

#### **Propitiation**

By Elma Mitchell

He always apologized to statues And sometimes to furniture, when he bumped into it. He felt no superiority to insects But removed them carefully from kitchen surfaces.

He sat at the wheel of a car, Thinking of a world without predators Or generals. A moment's absentmindedness -A child on a bicycle died.

No, no. it didn't. It never happened. But he lived all his life with this catastrophe In imagination, as he ferried his insects To places of safety, and apologized to statues.

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# Airline peace hopes take off as Tube workers dig in

Three disputes, three union leaders with very different styles

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Fresh talks are to be held in an attempt to avert an indefinite strike by pilots at British Airways due to begin next Tuesday. As Bob Ayling, chief execu-

tive of the airline, responded to the union's call for negotiations, Tube drivers in London staged their third 24-hour strike over working time.

Management said it improved strike-day services to run nearly 40 per cent of the timetable with the help of the RMT transport union. Future assistance may not be forthcoming, however. Leaders of the RMT are due to announce the result of a strike ballot among their own members tomorrow. Lew Adams, general secretary of the drivers' union, and

his executive are due today to

consider an invitation to take

service Acas. The union claims management reneged on a promise to reduce working time, and some members of the executive may argue for further action after the stoppage already scheduled for next Tuesday. At the Royal Mail, talks con-

tinued ahead of today's meeting of the Communication Workers' Union postal executive, which is due to decide whether to intensify industrial action over planned productivity changes - particularly the is-sue of "team-working". Postal

Alan Johnson of the Communica-tion Workers believes that strikes at the Royal Mail could damage

abour's electoral chances, and that

the Government may lift the Royal Mail's monopoly.

Mr Johnson, 46, was educated in Cheisea but his first job was as a postman in Slough, his "union home". In 1992 he became the

youngest general secretary in the history of the old postal workers'

Party's national executive he has suo

ported the Blair reforms and backet the abolition of Clause IV.

> rupted by two 24-hour walkouts and some members of the executive are pressing for 48-hour strikes. But Alan Johnson, joint general secretary of the CWU. will argue for further contact with the Post Office.

The call for talks at British Airways came from Chris Darke, general secretary of the British Airline Pilots' Association, and is the first sign of hope in the dispute since the union announced a 90 per cent vote in favour of action. Mr Darke

Chris Derke is responsible for some of the most conservative trade unionists in Britain. His leadership of the British Artine Pilots' Association could be seen as itoric given his past in the Community Parameters of the property of the pr

great his pass in the continuous cracky and his present politics, described as "left of centre" Lebour.

Mir Darke, aged 46, has proven himself as a union professional rather than a political radical in his 26 years.

as a full-time union officer. A fash-

ionable dresser and an amateur pilot, Mr Darke began as an ap-prentice with GEC in Birmingham and

fully" to what Balpa had to say".

said he had "positive sugges-tions" that he hoped would lead to progress. An airline spokesman said the company was pleased there would be a return to the negotiating table and that BA would "listen very care-

reasonum or cruss rear, our perieves fragmentation of the inclustry could help push up drivers' wages. A for-mer Labour councilior he was an out-spoken critic of lony Blair's campaign to abolish the party's Clause IV. The union's initiative came after a meeting yesterday of 30 Balpa representatives. There has been little contact withmanagement since the strike vote among the 3,000 pilots and other flight

Lew Adams, 56, is very much a tra-ditional trade unionist wedded to the old-fashioned ethos of the Associated Society of Locomotives, Engineering and Firemen – of which he became General Secretary nearly three years.

go. He started work as an engine cleaner when he was 15. In the Seventies to led a series of train diversistiles. He bitterly opposes the privatisation of British Rail, but believes the properties of the industry craft.

crew was announced. The union had argued that

the company should offer an improvement in the 3.6 pet cent package before talks could begin. However, Mr Darke said he had decided to take the initiative to break the impasse. "We have been disappointed and puzzled by the company's refusal to table any new offer. That is unfair to everyone, especially

holidaymakers," he said. "We have some positive suggestions to make to the company which we hope will enable

them to move forward." BA has argued that many of the pilots have not understood the company's true position, particularly at Garwick.

The airline has put forward a two-year package with a 3.6 per cent increase in the first year followed by a rise of 0.5 per cent above the inflation rate next year. Since the strike-ballot result. BA has offered an additional 10 per cent payment to lower-paid crews at Garwick.

### the dispute to the conciliation Planting trees may worsen droughts

KAREN BAKKER

Government plans to double the amount of forest cover in England over the next 50 years may worsen droughts, scientists are warning. They have found that trees decrease the amount of rainfall reaching rivers, reservoirs and underground aquifers.

Leaves on the trees intercept rainfall before it hits the ground, allowing it to evaporate back into the atmosphere at much higher rates than from short vegetation. Just as clothes pegged out onto a line dry more quickly than those lying on the ground, tall trees with many leaves are more efficient evaporation surfaces than grass

Studies of upland evergreen forests by scientists at the Government's Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in Wallingford have found an increase in evaporation rates in forested areas of up to 100 per cent compared to treeless catchments. In some upland areas of Scotland, researchers have found this leads to a 20 per cent reduction in run

off to reservoirs. Now hydrologists are concerned about the impact on water supplies of the likely large increase in lowland woodlands over the next few decades. "Community forests" are being planted on the edge of big cities, a large new National Forest has begun to grow in the Midlands, "energy plantations" of coppiced woodland are being considered, and the advent of set-aside farmland has provided further opportunities for planting. These and other policies came together last autumn when the Government announced that it wanted a doubling of England's forest cover by 2045.

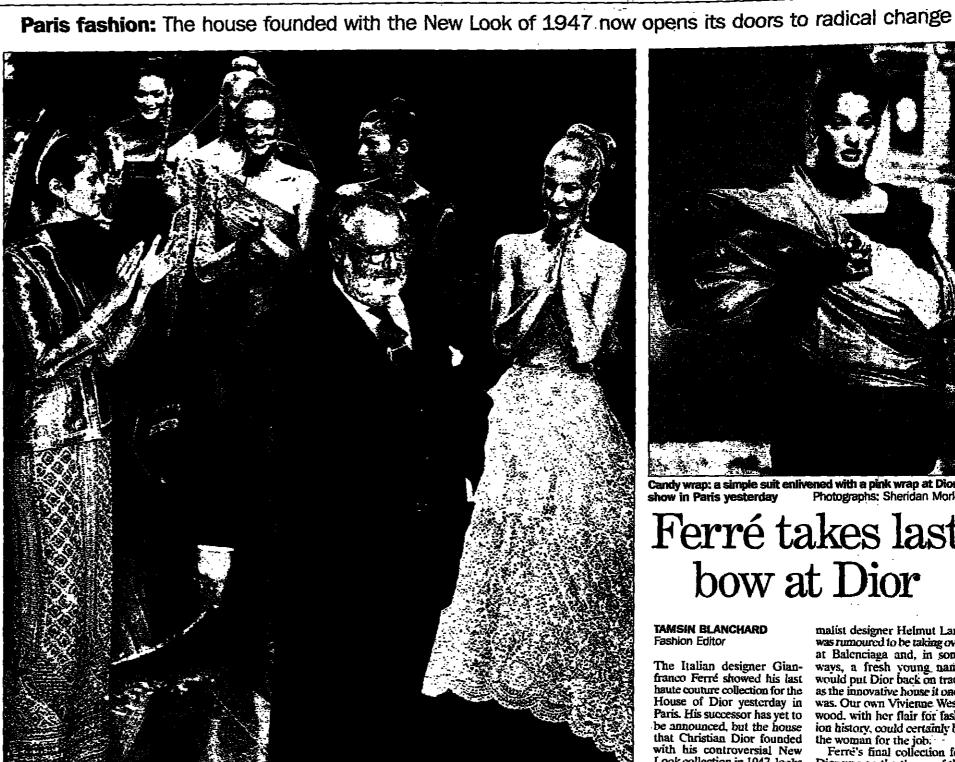
Most of the new trees in the lowlands are broad-leaved species which drop their leaves in autumn, so they evaporate less water through the winter than coniferous trees. But during summer dry spells these trees take up water from the soil

at far higher rates than the grassland and crops which they are replacing. Recent research by the

centre suggests that water use of some broad-leaved species may be significantly higher than previously thought. In one forest, recharge to the underground chalk aquifer was found to be reduced by 40 per cent, according to Dr lan Calder, a hydrologist. "Planting forests now might significantly affect water resources in the long term, particularly if climate change becomes a reality," he says.

Few policy makers appear to have recognised the implications of the combined effects of tree planting and global warming. The most recent Department of Environment report on the impact of climate change in Britain, released last week, makes no mention of the implications of afforestation. And the Government's Environment Agency, which oversees water resources, has not approached the Forestry Commission.

Given the economic and aesthetic benefits of planting forests, any potential water shortages should be dealt with by an "emphasis on reducing leakage and reducing demand rather than altering vegeta-tion." says Dr Tom Nisbet, a hydrologist at the commission. Our national tree, the oak, is the baldest in the country, according to the latest Forestry Commission survey of tree condition. One in nine are missing at least half of the leaves of a tree in peak condition and just over two-thirds are missing at least a quarter. The oak, which makes up about 9 per cent of commercial tree species grown in the UK, is in distinctly worse condition than the other main commercial species: the Scots pine, the beech and the nonnative commercial conifers, the Sitka and Norway spruces. Winter moths, frost damage, and a mysterious degenerative condition affecting oaks in the south and east of England in the early 1990s are to blame.



Farewell performance: Ferré being applauded by the models who showed his his last collection for Dior



Candy wrap: a simple suit enlivened with a pink wrap at Dior's

### Ferré takes last bow at Dior

TAMSIN BLANCHARD Fashion Editor

The Italian designer Gianfranco Ferré showed his last haute couture collection for the House of Dior yesterday in Paris. His successor has yet to be announced, but the house that Christian Dior founded with his controversial New Look collection in 1947, looks set to be revamped in the style of Givenchy, where John Galliano has generated massive publicity and blown away the cobwebs. Dior and Givenchy are both owned by Louis Vuit-

ton/Moet Hennessy. The "giant haystack" designer was given a standing ova-tion by the audience, which included Mrs Chirac and Paloma Picasso. Mr Ferré took over from Marc Bohan, who took the job from Yves Saint Laurent in 1960. Saint Laurent was the designer Dior chose to succeed him shortly before his

death in 1957. There are rumours that the American designer Marc Jacobs may take the post, but the doors must be wide open. Last season, the avant-garde mini-

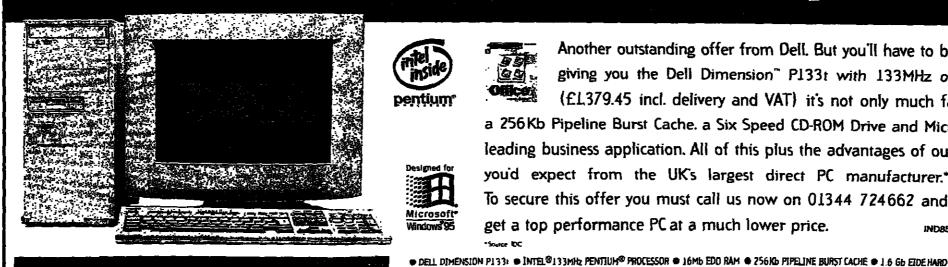
malist designer Helmut Lang was rumoured to be taking over at Balenciaga and, in some ways, a fresh young name would put Dior back on track as the innovative house it once was. Our own Vivienne Westwood, with her flair for fashion history, could certainly be the woman for the job.

Ferre's final collection for Dior was on the theme of the Orient, with clothes for Indian princesses and an Arabian Scheherazade - a fantasy woman not far from the reality of the clients who may order a gold lace embroidered one-shoulder sari dress, or a fitted jacket encrusted in embroidery and heavy with gold lamé.

The pieces most likely to sell were the simple fitted suits, a diamanté striped trouser suit for evening, or a candy-pink column dress and mohair coat.

The model Naomi Campbell was did not seem much enamoured of the clothes she was wearing, and made rapid passages down the catwalk, making it as difficult as possible for the photographers to snap her. Men's fashion, Section Two

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### ITV looks to costume drama in ratings war

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

ITV is to take on the genre the BBC has made its own - costume drama - in an attempt to boost its ratings this autumn, it emerged yesterday.

It is to screen an adaptation of Jane Austen's Emma, by Andrew Davies, who wrote the recent adaptation of Pride and Prejudice for the BBC. It will star Kate Beckinsale as the meddling but well-meaning heroine.

Mr Davies has also written ITV's other two landmark costume dramas for this autumn: a four-part adaptation of Defoe's Moll Flanders, starring The Knock's Alex Kingston, and an adaptation of Dennis Danvers' haunting love story, Wilderness.

The dramas will complement returning series, including Soldier, Soldier, London's Burning,

Taggart and Heartbeat. The controversial continua-tion of the *Poldark* story, filmed by HTV last year, will also hit the screens this autumn, despite the outcry at the decision not to employ Robin Ellis and Angharad Rees to recreate Ross Poldark, the Cornish mine owner, and his wife Demelza.



Challenge to the BBC: Kate

The pair played the lead toles in the hugely popular 1970s BBC series which attracted 15 million viewers weekly but they were dropped by HTV when salary negotiations failed. John Bowe and Mel Martin were asked to take up the story of the final Poldark novels instead.

Meanwhile, ITV also confirmed long-standing rumours yesterday that a fourth episode of Coronation Street will go out at 7.30pm on Sundays from late November in a bid to bump up Sunday night ratings.

controller, denied the extra episode would kill enthusiasm for the soap which regularly attracts 16 million viewers.
Granada (which makes the

Marcus Plantin, the network

programme] are handling the fourth episode with consummate care. There will be new characters and a new street. We will grow the Coronation Street

family," he said.
"It is not just eking out what's already there. Within a very short time everyone will say \*Coronation Street on Sunday hasn't it always been there?' The Street is an institution, it is part and parcel of most people's lives and the decision was not taken

"With Coronation Street's fourth episode we will devise a storyine which will peak on the Sunday night but viewers will have to wait for the denouement

on the Monday."
Phil Redmond, whose production company makes Brookside, has long argued that all soap operas will eventually go to four days a week, despite concerns that it would mean too much strain for the stars and that the programmes would inevitably become weaker as a



# Singing with love's sweet harmony

Married couples are enjoying a romantic renaissance. It is once more sexy to be legal.

Last week, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman made several thousand teenage hearts beat faster as they smooched in London; and last night, opera's own dream team. Roberto Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu, appeared at Covent Garden together for the first time since their much publicised romance and marriage.

"To sing love duets with the person you love is magnifique, said Alagna before the performance in a line marketing departments fantasise about. His

Gheorghiu is one of the most acclaimed new sopranos, and this was a very hot ticket indeed.

Theirs was not, it has to be said, quite the Romeo and Juliet-style story it has been painted. They were married to other people when they met four years ago in La Bohème at Covent Garden.
Alagna's wife tragically died

of a brain tumour two years ago, spouse added: "When we are toleaving him with a young daughgether on stage, it is a reflection ter, and Gheorgiu divorced her of our life and an extension of Romanian husband

La Traviata

Royal Opera House,

Covent Garden

which we live out on stage."

are young and attractive, that

Alagna has been described as

"the fourth tenor" and that

Throw in the fact that both

But their memories of those rehearsals four years ago added to the anticipation of seeing them on stage last night.

Alagna, 32 born in France of love story of La Traviata, it Sicilian parents, recalled: "In my mind – because of the sound I was hearing - she had to be fat. I certainly didn't expect her to be beautiful.

"She was cute, young and lovely. It was love at first sight. As I took Angela's hand in mine, I felt an actual shock ... [After that] I felt so jealous each time I'd read that she was singing with someone else."

Gheorghiu recalled that when he burst into the rehearsal room at Covent Garden, the atmosphere changed. It was so exciting. Like electricity." In the poignant and tragic

would be hard not to generate any romantic sparks. But un-doubtedly this pairing did exude a genuine excitement in their scenes together. Alagna's tender and emo-

tionally vulnerable tenor voice is not yet in the class of the big three, but it is compelling.

Gheorghiu has a serenity in her style that is equally attractive. And for once there was acting to match. This couple did indeed appear enraptured with one another, but then, perhaps that wasn't acting at all.

David Lister

**Branson** puts new spin on records business

Businessman Richard Branson is setting up a new record label, four years after he sold the original Virgin Records for £560m.

The company, provisionally called V2, is already looking for acts to sign. Initially it will concentrate on what Mr Branson referred to "quality rock", although it may later diversify into classical music.
Heading V2 is Jeremy Pearce, the former chief of

Sony's division for foreign and independent bands, where he handled bands including Oasis and Suede. The official launch will be made when the company announces its first signing,

probably in the autumn.

Virgin spokeswoman Mo
Foster said Mr Branson had badly missed the music business, which had formed the cornerstone of his business empire.

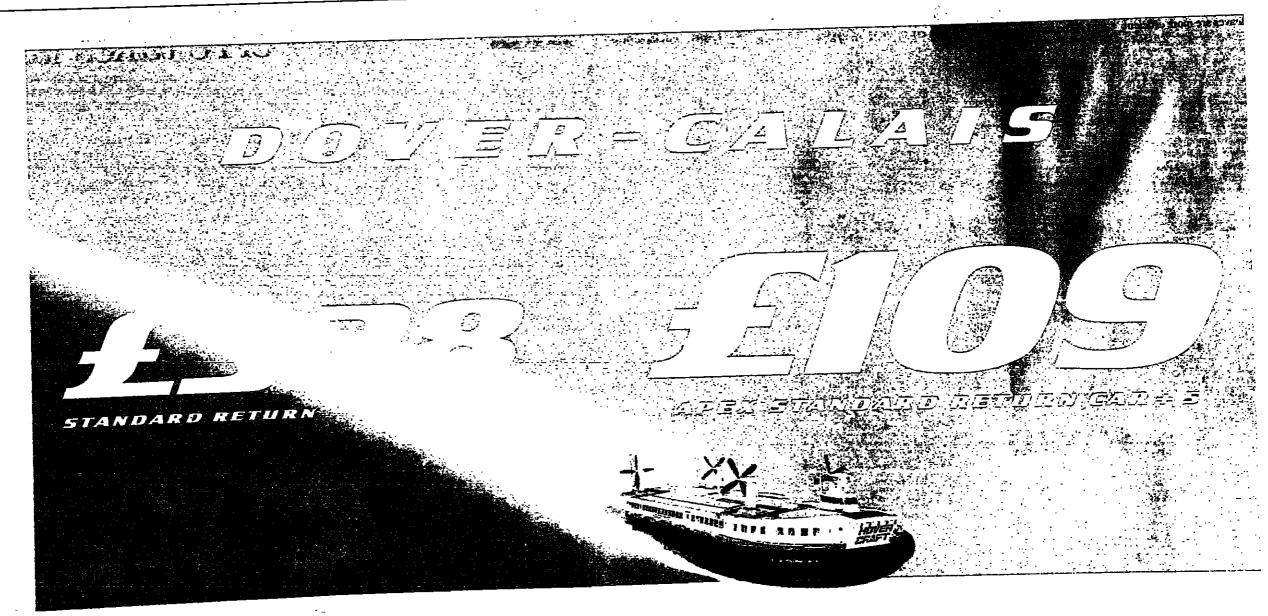
Under the terms of the deal with EMI, the buyers of Virgin Records, he had not been allowed to set up a new label until now and he had plunged back into the industry as soon as the exclusion clause expired.

"I think he has been missing the business terribly. When he sold Virgin Records he went to the staff to tell them about the decision and he left in tears," she said. "That doesn't nonnally happen. He is obviously very keen to be getting back into it.

Virgin Records was sold to allow Branson to concentrate on his other interests, which now include Virgin Atlantic, Virgin Megastores, Virgin Radio and

Virgin Cinemas. He founded the record label in 1970 and despite, or perhaps because of, being unmusical, made a splash with his 1977 signing, the Sex Pistols, who had been rejected by the more established record companies - in-cluding, ironically, EMI.

If the new company, which is not entitled to use the word Virgin in its title, follows in the footsteps of its predecessor, it will soon become a major player in the pop industry.



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This hero worship is very much misplaced' John Carlisle MP, on the BBC screening of the Free Nelson Mandela concert in



The ANC is a typical terrorist organisation ... Anyone who thinks it is going to run the government in South Africa is living in cloud-cuckoo land' -Margaret Thatcher,



'How much longer will the Prime Minister allow herself to be kicked in the face by this black terrorist' -Terry Dicks MP, mid-1980s



'Nelson Mandela should be shot' -Teddy Taylor MP. mid-1980s

# From 'terrorist' to tea with the Queen

**ANTHONY BEVINS** Political Editor and MICHAEL STREETER

The fuss that Parliament is to make over Nelson Mandela this week will mark a stark contrast with the 20-year Commons silence that followed his imprisonment in 1962

On Thursday, the President of South Africa is to be accorded the rare honour of ads dressing both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall,

will gather to pay homage to a world statesman.

But an Independent survey of Commons Hunsard records suggests that even in the immediare aftermath of his imprisonment, Mr Mandela's name was not uttered in the chamber.

Hansard Indices, which cover speeches, statements and oral questions and answers in the Commons, as well as writgest that the first time Nelson Mandela's name was mentioned in the House was on 9 March 1983, in a question from Labour MP Ken Eastham.

In his autobiography, Conflict of Lovalty, former Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe says that even as late as October 1987, at a press conference following the Commonwealth Heads of Government Con-

"Unfortunately, I do still regard Thatcher was quick to dismiss the African National Congress him as an ex-terrorist," he said as "a typical terrorist organisatwo years ago. In 1990, when Mr Mandela tion". Sir Geoffrey added saddeclined to meet Mrs Thatchly: "Absolutism still held sway." But Mrs Thatcher was exer on a trip to London, Conpressing a common view on the

right of the Tory party. In the mid-1980s, Conserva-tive backbench MP Teddy Tayfor said: "Nelson Mandela should be shot" - though he later claimed it was meant jokingly.

black terrorist?"

Luton North, was furious at the

servative MP Terry Dicks asked: How much longer will the Prime Minister allow herself to

John Carlisle, Tory MP for

Mandela out to be a Christ-like figure." Mr Carlisle said. "Many will remember his record and the record of his wife

as they take the podium. This he kicked in the face by this hero worship is misplaced.

That same year, another Tory MP. Andrew Hunter, now chair-

Mandela concert in London.

nanas over this and seem to be

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The BBC have just gone ba-

Nelson Mandela: Once vilified by the Government, he will be acclaimed as a hero this week man of the Conservative back-BBC's screening of the 1990 bench committee on Northern Ireland, called for an investigation into alleged secret links between Mr Mandela's ANC and the IRA.

Labour frontbencher Brian Wilson yesterday challenged John Bercow, Conservative par-liamentary candidate for Buckingham and former political adviser to Virginia Boitomley, the Secretary of State for Na-

tional Heritage, to offer regret for the abuse that had been heaped on Mr Mandela by the Federation of Conservative Stu-dents when he was its chairman. He said FCS conferences had been littered with slogans like "Hang Nelson Mandela", and Mr Wilson added: "Mr Bercow must now make it clear

that he deeply regrets the be-haviour of FCS members. "Silence would only show that we've still got the same old Tories with the same old story of intolerance and bigotry.'

None of the councils and universities which named

streets, conference rooms and even a student bar

probably ever imagined the day when he would arrive in Britain as

after Nelson Mandela

president of his country. At the time the Mandela name carried the status of

a myth. Nobody had seen him since the 1960s, and

the British taboo on

# Freedom fighters take up free trade

In advance of this week's visit to London by Nelson Mandela, there was a demonstration next to the huge bust of the South African president on London's South Bank. The participants, some in traditional South African costume, handed out South African oranges before going to Downing Street to hand in a petition.

Ten years ago the demonstrators would have been from the Anti-Apartheid Movement, trying to shame Britons into boycotting Outspan oranges. Now it is the movement's successor, Action for Southern Africa (Actsa), trying to shame the European Union into dropping its attempts to block exports of South African produce. "It's ironic, I know," said Actsa's director, Ben Jackson, "but trade will be the biggest issue during President Mandela's visit."

The symbolism of Mr Mandela's state visit to Britain is immense: today apartheid's most prominent political prisoner, once reviled by British government leaders, will be received with 21-gun salutes and will ride in a state carriage down the Mall with the Queen. But behind the scenes in both Britain and France, where Mr Mandela will make another state visit, he will be demanding that the EU honour its promises to help the whole of southern Africa to overcome the economic aftermath of apartheid. Two years after the euphoria

of South Africa's first free elec-

The Anti-Apartheid lobby has changed tack, writes Raymond Whitaker

tions, the EU has failed to agree on a proposal, backed by Britain, for the creation of a free trade area with South Africa. Despite a growing trade surplus with South Africa, Germany is leading efforts to exclude nearly 40 per cent of South African farm exports ~ including oranges, tinned fruit and wine - from talks on better market access. Actsa argues that the EU, South Africa's most important export market, treats its products little differently than when it was an international pariah.

It was easier to rally the British public, however, when Mr Mandela was imprisoned on Robben Island and apartheid was at its worst. Membership of the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM) peaked around 25,000 to 30,000 in the late 1980s, when there was a permanent vigil on the pavement outside South Africa House and the giants of rock music fell over themselves to take part in the Mandela birthday concert at Wembley in 1988, bringing an

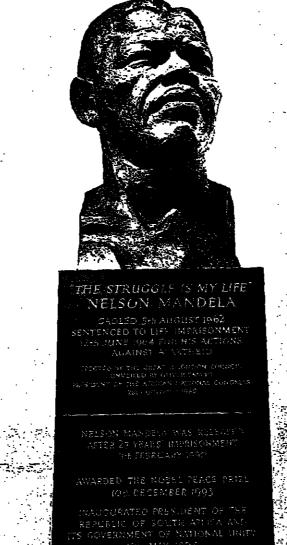
influx of younger people. The vigil came to an end in February 1990, when Mr Mandela walked out of prison after 27 years. In October 1994 the AAM, its work done, disbanded after 35 years and transformed itself into Actsa, which now has about 5,000 individual members. "There has been a lot

of continuity," said Mr Jackson. "Trade unions, which were always very active in the AAM, have been very good about reaffiliating to Actsa, which was not an automatic process."

The AAM's headquarters in north London, which suffered a firebomb attack by South African agents in the early 1980s, are now closed. Acts a took over the nearby offices of the African National Congress - also the target of a bomb attack - following the ANC's transformation from an exile guerrilla movement into South Africa's governing party. But Actsa's patron is Bishop Trevor Huddleston, who founded the AAM in 1959 with Julius Nyerere, then President of Tanzania.

Dorothy Robinson, the founding executive secretary of the movement, was helping Actsa yesterday to prepare for Mr Mandela's visit. "At first the emphasis was on boycotting South African goods," she said. but after the Sharpeville massacre in 1960 our work multiplied. Apart from seeking international sanctions and the release of political prisoners, we had to campaign to save Mr Mandela from being executed for treason."

By the late 1960s the movement was beginning to realise that it was in for a long haul, said Ms Robinson. It had little en-



GLC hero: Mandela's bust on the South Bank

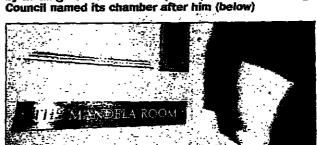
couragement in the 1970s, when repression tightened and South Africa mounted military attacks on its neighbours to keep the guerrilla movements at bay. Only in the 1980s did the sanctions campaign begin to bear fruit - and now, in the mid-1990s, Actsa is wrestling with the vital but considerably less dramatic detail of free trade. The organisation has been

Camden MANDELA STREET





by naming its bar after him (above) and Middleborough



given a grant of £80,000 from South Africa to organise and catalogue the AAM's archives,

"Free Mandela" T-shirts somewhere? "There is some merchandise left over, which we sell off from time to time to raise Bodleian Library in Oxford. Is rnoney," said Mr Jackson with there still a warehouse full of a laugh. "The other day we had

creating memorials to living politicians hardly seemed applicable. Yet here he is. Mr Mandela's state visit, however, is simply likely to enhance his position as a secular saint, a living symbol of South Africa's redemption from apartheid, after whom it is entirely appropriate to dignify muncipal and educational facilities. But there is an irony here: in South Africa the predicted rush to attach his name to every avenue and airport formerly entitled after the heroes of white supremacy has not materialised. Mr Mandela has shown admirable reluctance to allow this unlike Zimbabwe, for example, where the main street of every city and

Raymond Whitaker

President Robert

Mugabe.

town is now named after

some former freedom fighters from Namibia over who are now MPs. One of them asked me for a 'Free Mandela' mug to replace one he had broken. I gave him

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# Corsican bomb raises spectre of lawlessness

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Bastia — They named a street after Sicily's assassinated anti-matia judge, Giovanni Falcone, in this Corsican port at the weekend. In the full glare of the midday sun, with the heat radiating off the white and sandy stone of the new estate and the blue-green sea glistening far below, the mayor of Palermo unveiled the new street sign with a determined swish of southern

panache: Rue du Juge Falcone. It was a simple ceremony, watched by perhaps 150 people and a few dozen more from the windows and balconies of their new flats. There were some wellchosen words from the mayor of Bastia, Emile Zeccarelli, considerably more words from the mayor of Palermo, and a short epilogue from the prefect of northern Corsica, then the anthems of Italy and France, in

their longer versions.
But the terrible irony of the ceremony escaped no one, for it came at the end of a week that began with a car-bomb explosion in the very heart of Bastia. It brought home to Corsicans the risk that their island, too, could descend into Sicilianstyle lawlessness. The bomb in Bastia had killed one man,

Mary Dejevsky reports on an attack that reveals more than a 'vendetta'

biggest Corsican nationalist choice of the long forms of the national anthems, - the Mar-seillaise punctuated with mockmovement; seriously injured Charles Pieri, the leader of the cannon fire - like the proliferation of French and same group, and hurt another 14 other people who just hap-pened to be in the vicinity. Apart from the extent of the Italian flags, and the shiny "Re-publique Française" badges on injuries, what shocked was the fact that the bomb had been every lamppost, seemed to say one thing: "The State is still in

timed to go off in broad daycharge here." The message from Bastia as a whole, however, is more amlight, in the centre of the city, in full view of everyone. In biguous. On the face of it, this Corsica, people have grown city of pastel stone on the isused to the sort of sporadic viland's north-east coast, differs olence that lurks in dark corlittle from any other Mediterners, at night, and can be ranean port except in the luxdismissed as personal vendetta or petty delinquence next day. Bastia's bomb seemed like an uriance of its vegetation. The palms and cypresses, pines and chestnuts, enlivened by banks of red and white oleanders, hide In his speech on Saturday, the mayor, who had come straight all but the tiled roofs of apartfrom an emergency meeting of his left-wing coalition's city coun-

ment blocks and villas. There is a working harbour for the giant ferries from Marcillors, insisted that the only seilles and Livorno, a recently built marina, and the old port way to fight organised crime and terrorism was through "democ--ancient focus of the city - with its baroque church of St John The prefect, looking grave and the Baptist, looking out on the northern, in sombre suit and tie, dozens of fishing and sailing spoke of the need to foster reboats in the harbour.

The picture-pretty old port, surrounded by faded Italianate

just poor, but misgoverned.

There are as many expensive German and Japanese cars as

in Paris, but the city itself is

palazzos and warehouses, would be an asset to any town with ambitions as a tourist centre, but it is decrepit to the point

away where the bomb explodwhere three bomb-damaged shopfronts are not immediately apparent. Only the charring and a ragged Corsican flag give

ed. Almost a week later, jagged glass is still uncollected and unreplaced. Letters still lie in the hallway of the shop that served as the offices of Pieri's recently formed security company. The signs of state power and the resistance to it are every-

where. Entering the city from the north, the first big building. being extended to more than double its present size, is the gendarmerie. Then the town hall, with a high fence, police guards, and tricolour. The prefecture - a big, modern edifice in the new, upper city - has no board outside; its only form of identification is the bus stop outside, labelled "prefecture" in tiny letters. The railings are 10ft high, and spiked; abundant barbed wire fills any gaps.

Down in the older part of town, the central post office is covered in nationalist graffiti, as though it has been abandoned to their cause. Any other blank wall is either covered in "Free Corsica" slogans, or evidence of

clumsy recent painting. There are far fewer cash-dispensing machines than there would be in a city of similar size on the mainland, and none on the peninsula north of Bastia. Apparently, they get blown up. The absence of litter-bins is equaltelling. In the streets and cafés it is the gruff Italian-sound of the Corsican language that you

hear, not French. Twenty kilometres to the south lies the village of Lucciana, a collection of stone houses and a church perched on a hillside over a ravine. Lucciana's mayor was murdered two years ago, the first and so far only elected representative to have been killed in 20 years of violence.

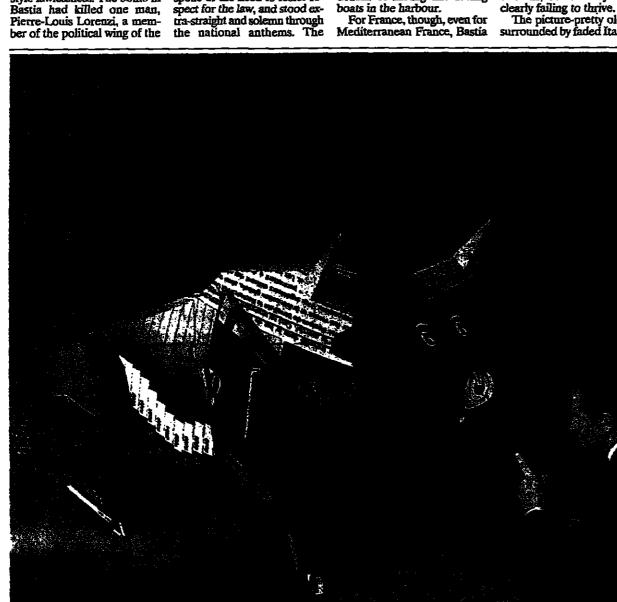
A steep holding wall above the main road is daubed with tributes to the FLNC - the military wing of Pieri and Lorenzi's Conculta movement - and its martyrs. Past the village proper, the road is lined with family vaults, ornate and flower-strewn, behind padlocks and railings.
A little further on, the Luc-

ciana cemetery, clustered round a big, ruined church, is arranged on terraces shaded by cypresses and overlooking the sea. The sickly scent of hundreds of flowers is overpowering. Piled up by a family vault on the left.

impossible to miss, are dozens of wreaths, bouquets and plaques, each with a message of condolence. The night shift at the hospital where he died sent a wreath, regretting they could not save him. But in pride of place stands the wreath from the terrorist group, the FLNC. In Bastia, everyone, from

the mayor down; fears a revenge attack for Lorenzi's death, but still no one seems to know who planted the bomb, or why. For once, though, the authorities are looking beyond the standard explanation - that it's just in the Corsican tradition of vendettas and taking seriously the threat to law and order. As the mayor and the prefect both implied in their tributes this weekend. however, Corsica is still waiting





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#### Socialist rebels threaten Gonzalez two recent corruption scandals lieved after it prevented pre-

Leaders of the Spanish Socialist Party, narrowly defeated in the general elections last March, are facing an incipient rebellion in the ranks, writes Elizabeth Nash.

Regional barons and disaffected former ministers have been urging that a special con-gress be called to replace the existing leadership, including Felipe Gonzalez as party leader. The mutiny was sparked by

within the party. In the first, the regional leader in Navarra quit after being accused of siphoning off party funds into his pri-vate Swiss bank account.

In the second, an Andalucian party boss was suspended on suspicion of taking money for ming the right-wing mayor of Marbella, Jesus Gil y Gil, unauthorised building permission. The party was initially re-

vented the conservative Popular Party from winning an outright majority at the polls in March. But the party has made a fee-

ble opposition debut. Mr Gonzalez said that he wanted to allow Jose Maria Aznar time to establish himself as Prime Minister, and said that he would take a political holiday until

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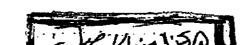
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# " 'Hawk' clips Israeli PM's wings

PATRICK COCKBURN

lt is Benjamin Netanyahu's biggest defeat since he became Prime Minister. As he flew off to Washington yesterday the Israeli parliament was creating a custom-made ministry for General Ariel Sharon, the leader of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, whom Mr Netanyahu has tried and failed to keep out of his cabinet as "a persistent

In the aftermath of his election victory five weeks ago, it must all have looked easy. Mr Netanyahu had won largely thanks to General Sharon's

But the new Prime Minister showed no enthusiasm for giving a government job to his former chief licutenant.

What Mr Netanyahu may not have known is that his distrust of General Sharon was only equalled by General Sharon's distrust of him. The general had taken out an insurance policy in the shape of a mutual assistance pact with David Levy, the Foreign Minister, who twice threatened to resign unless General Sharon

became a minister. In the end, Mr Netanyahu's attempt to treat General success in uniting the right and whom the 68-year-old hero of Sharon like an Israeli Falstaff -

- ended in humiliation for the Prime Minister. As Mr Nctanyahu explained the necessity of creating a new Ministry of National Infrastructure from the podium of the Knesset yesterday he smiled ingratiatingly

at General Sharon, who sat

staring grumpily ahead.

The dispute was not about ideology, though General Sharon's inclusion in the cabinet will make it more difficult for Mr Netanyahu to show any flexibility towards the Palestinjans. Sacked as Defence Minister in 1982 after the massacre of Palestinians at Sabra and Chatila in Beirut, General Sharon calls Yasser Arafat, the

cultivating religious leaders, the far right vaguely resembles. Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, a "war criminal".

Mr Netanyahu is good at shrugging off setbacks. Yesterday he played down the row over General Sharon saying: Dramatisation adds spice to life." But his attempt to marginalise his old enemies in the Likud party, like Dan Meridor at Finance and David Levy at

the Foreign Ministry, has failed.

with his enemies. Since he is directly elected, Mr Netanyahu cannot be deposed, but his efforts to remodel the Israeli Prime Minister's Office along the lines of the White House are not going well. Even the attempt to promote his wife Sara as First Syrians and others - adapting Lady is foundering after she was denounced by two of her former nannies for mistreating them.

Personally and politically, Mr Netanyahu, who meets President Clinton today, remains a mystery to Israelis. On policy, he repeats his campaign theme that he will provide greater security, but without making significant concessions

He now faces a cabinet filled to Arab or Palestinian demands. in the rest of the Middle East this looks like the end of the peace-for-land formula which underlies the Oslo peace agreements. Mr Netanyahu, for his part, blandly says: "What is happening is that the Arabs are adapting - the Palestinians, the

to the new reality."

Mr Netanyahu is expected to tell President Clinton that Mr Levy will meet Mr Arafat and he will then meet him himself. The Israeli press says he is un-likely to spell out Israeli intentions on withdrawal from most of Hebron or the future of Orient House, the PLO headquarters in East Jerusalem.

But in a US election year. President Clinton, who did all he could to keep Shimon Peres as Israeli premier, will be eager to announce all is well with his Middle East policy. Overall, Mr Netanyahu should have an easier ride than he has had in Israel. Essay, page 14

**Floods** 

kill more

than 400

in China

Peking (Reuter) - Southern

China mopped up yesterday after some of the worst floods in a century killed more than 400 people, with farmers re-

planting crops and troops but-

With the death toll at least

tressing river embankments.

405 in six provinces and ex-

pected to rise as more bodies

were dug out from landslides or

found in collapsed homes, of-

ficials were on alert for more

storms as the annual typhoon

biggest water control project, the Three Gorges Dam on the

Yangtze river, took precautions in case of flooding and opened

sluices to reduce the water lev-el, state television said.

serious damage and in some areas are still swamped by water," said an official of the

Chinese Red Cross. "There will

be some partial grain shortages

in disaster areas in the next one

or two months and we are plan-

ning to transport grain to those

Officials estimated damage

from floods that have hit the

provinces of Hubei, Guizhou,

Zhejiang, Anhui, Jiangxi and

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million acres and million

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season neared.

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Turkey's political secularism was shattered yesterday when the Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, crowned his marathon bid for power by narrowly winning a vote of confidence in Parliament. MPs voted narrowly to approve Mr Erbakan's coalition with the pro-Western conservative True Path Party of Tansu Ciller, ratifying Islamist control of the government for the first time in the 73 years of the Turkish republic and reversing a decades-old taboo. "A new era has begun in Turkey." Mr Erbakan said. "We will work day and night with the spirit of worship." The moment of triumph for Mr Erbakan, 70, and his Welfare Party followed months of manoeuvres that forced the secular élite to cede the Islamists a permanent place at Turkey's political table. Reuter - Ankara

cuador's populist candidate beat a right-wing free market reformer in Ecuador's presidential run-off election on Sunday. Abdala Bucaram, a self-proclaimed saviour of the poor and opponent of the establishment, facing a minority in the new Congress, immediately held out an olive branch to foes and hope to a business community that feared he might derail economic reforms. Mr Bucaram, a lawyer from the centreleft Roldosista Party, who failed in two previous presidential attempts, helped win this third bid by captivating the poor with his fiery attacks on the reforms that have yet to benefit many, and on a discredited political establishment. A 44-year-old former athlete, he is known as "The Crazy One" for his flamboyant personality. He donned a Batman suit in a previous campaign and accused local banks of being linked to Colombian drug cartels and the CIA. Reuter - Quito

Pressure has increased on Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader indicted as a war criminal, to step down after the international community threatened to disqualify his party from Bosnian elections. And prosecutors at the Yugoslavia war crimes tribunal in The Hague urged major powers to arrest Mr Karadzic and his military commander, General Ratko Mladic, and hand them over to stand trial for genocide. The call came as UN investigators began to unearth mass graves of massacre victims, starting with Muslims killed in the conquest of Srebrenica a year ago. Reuter - Sarajevo

Ukraine's civilian defence minister was dismissed by the president, Leonid Kuchma, yesterday. Valery Shmarov was the sole civilian defence minister in the former Soviet Union outside the Baltic states. A statement from Mr Kuchma's office said Mr Shmarov had been "freed from his duties in connection with his request to that effect". He had been under fire from both nationalists and left-wingers for building a close relationship with Nato. Reuter - Kiev

Storms have claimed 17 lives in South Africa, police Said, after melting snow revealed three bodies on the streets of towns yesterday. They said eight people had died of exposure while nine suffocated as they huddled around coal fires burning in unventilated shacks. Two days of snowfalls over wide parts of the country blocked major roads, stranded motorists and trapped hikers and climbers. Nationally, the weather bureau said the snowfalls were the worst since June 1964. Some of the heaviest falls occurred in the high-lying eastern part of Free State province, blocking the main artery from Johannesburg to Durban. Reuter - Johannesburg

Dilgrims and sightseers are flocking to a small country church in South Australia after its priest described an image of the Virgin Mary and child on the altar wall. When it first appeared I shared it with people in the congregation and they said, well, yes, if you squint your eyes, think good thoughts, maybe... maybe, the Rev Andrew Nutter said yesterday. But now everybody's coming in. Sceptics, secular humanists. atheists, doubters, people who have no time for the church. and people who are faithful, see it." Reuter - Addaide

### French admit ex-minister's aides bugged

**BERNARD EDINGER** Reuter

Paris - The French defence ministry confirmed yesterday that it had ordered wire-taps on two senior aides to former defence minister François Léotard for unspecified "national secur-

The statement was made after Le Monde reported that the surveillance was aimed at discovering whether cash from Saudi arms sales had been diverted to former prime minister Edouard Balladur's presidential campaign.

The disclosure gave a new di-mension to scandals over alleged illegal political funding, including that of President Jacques Chirac's Gaullist party. Prime Minister Alain Juppé

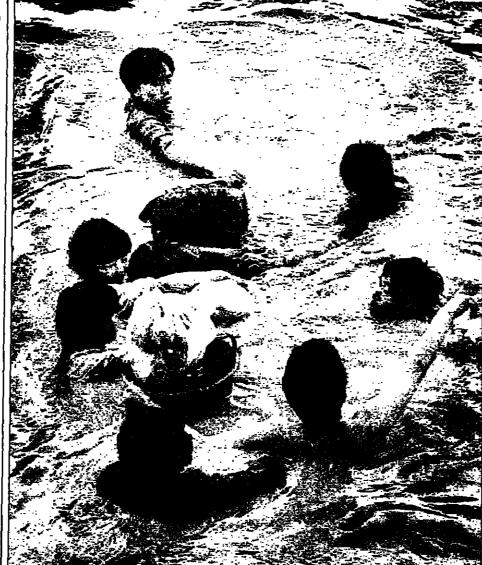
and a special commission had approved the wire-taps, as required by law, it said. The commission which oversees wire-taps, headed by a member of France's highest administrative court, said the telephone interceptions were authorised within legal guidelines which unambiguously exclude any political motives

cessful campaign for the 1995 presidential election, in which Chirac, a fellow Gaullist, defeated him. Le Monde said in a front-page story that Chirac's entourage had suspected that in 1993 and 1994, commissions on arms sales to Saudi Arabia. worth hundreds of millions of dollars, had gone to Balladur and his supporters.

Le Monde said at least three officials had been subject to wire-taps. It identified them as François Lepine, now regional prefect of the Franche-Comte area of eastern France, Patrice Molle, currently deputy chief of Leotard's personal staff, and Colonel Louis-Pierre Dillais,

Mr Dillais, an intelligence specialist in Mr Léotard's private office, is reported to have coordinated the sinking of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow War-rior in New Zealand in 1985. Le Monde said Mr Léotard's successor, Charles Millon, ordered the wire-taps after Chirac appointed him to succeed Léotard. Mr Leotard commented: "I

urge the prime minister to explain this practice, which is both astonishing and unjust towards military men or senior of-Mr Léotard was a senior ficials who have served their organiser of Balladur's unsue- country honourably.



Residents forced to flee their homes in Xuanzchou, Anhui

Photograph: Reuter

### LA gears up for computer-road

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

Drivers on a stretch of freeway outside the coastal city of San Diego next summer will not speed and if they drive drunk, it may not much matter. For California, fittingly enough, is to be the venue of an experiment that may truly revolutionise the culture of the car.

Engineers broke ground this week for an ambitious practical test of the so-called driverless freeway. By August 1997, it is planned, cars equipped with sensors to pick up signals from magnetic spikes in the roadway will drive by themselves along a 7.8-mile stretch of Interstate 15 - and turn off, hopefully, at the right exit.

There are going to be com-

is the future of transportation," said Lynn Barton, San Diego coordinator for the consortium of government agencies, car companies and private experts involved in the first experiment

of its kind in the world. The car phone has already lowered the blood pressure of drivers stuck in jams on California's roads. Earlier this year Los Angeles' first double-decker freeway opened, with a highspeed car pool lane for environmentally responsible commuters. But the San Diego project conjures a vision of commuters being conveyed rapidly and safely along so-called smart roads while they read the paper or look at the view. Take the driver out of the equation, transport

human error. States Congress passed the In-

aimed at developing a viable automated freeway system by 2002, and providing the bulk of do it. Governor Pete Wilson put up \$5m in state funding to encourage them to choose a Californian venue. A single lane of Interstate 15 will be used, with engineers working at night to bury the three-inch spikes in the Cameras and radar units mounted in the cars will enable them to move in close convoys

and even avoid road debris. Crowded freeways display classic characteristics of chaos theory - at a critical density, a

plications to work out, but this 90 per cent of crashes blamed on single driver slowing causes a uman error. ripple effect that can create a
Back in 1991 the United tailback miles long. The smart cars, by contrast, would com-

termodal Transportation Act. municate their moves by radio. The question remains whether passengers will trust their lives to a computer. The \$200m (£130m) in financing to cars will stay strictly within the speed limit, Mr Barton said. That may be a disappointment for drivers in the the state, who on the rare occasions when traffic is clear like to put their foot down.

Computers presumably will asphalt about one yard apart. be programmed to resist road rage, and the urge to lead po-lice officers on 100mph chases. That alone could save lives. Between 1993 and 1995, a record 47 people were killed and nearly 2.000 injured in police pursuits in Southern California.

#### experts say, and you remove the Coke and apple pie, but this Fourth of July is far from the real thing

There was a real live Uncle Sam, a 20-ft high inflatable Coca Cola bottle, a painting of Mount Rushmore, and more apple pie than anyone could eat, but this was no ordinary Fourth of July party. For a start, it was several days late (something to do with the government licences, someone said). Second, the weather was tropically humid (instead of the traditional sharply creased trousers, Uncle Sam wore a pair of dinky starred-and-striped shorts). And third, this was not the United States at all. Welcome to American Independence Day, in the Socialist Republic

of Vietnam. Historical ironies don't come much sharper than this: a celdemocracy in Saigon, the city whose very name epitomises to be careful. The Communist go on Vietnam in 1994, 2500 ebration of US bounty and modern America's greatest humiliation. But 21 years after no organisation can officially exthe communist victory, when helicopters carried the last of the ex-pats from the roof of the US Embassy, here they were again. There were rock n'roll bunds, a tug-of-war, and the Dunk Tub into which luminaries of the local US-Vietnamese community could be plunged with a well-aimed rubber ball. Up on the stage. Uncle Sam si-

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lenced the band, and recled off the list of sponsors: IBM. Chrysler, Jeep, Citibank, Mobil Oil, United Airlines, with spe-cial thanks to Baskin Robbins ice cream and Coke "our bev-erage supplier". "You really never been to a Fourth of July party before?" I was asked by Linda, whose husband works for a management consultancy. "We better get a beer and a burger down you, right now." Beverage in hand, I waited by

the Dunk Tub for Michael Scown, attorney-at-law, and president of the American Chamber of Commerce of Vietnam. About this, as about much Party, without whose approval ist, has yet to give its final seal of approval to the Chamber members cautiously refer to it

as "AmCham proposed".
"We're like the Hell's Angels." Mr Scown explained. "When we first started out we weren't allowed to meet, but we just stuck at it. pleaded a lot, and eventually the licences came through for this event."

Licences are required for music. food, and dancing, and Michael had to give a personal undertaking that the festivities would contain no political content

So I want it to be on the record that this is not a speech, but a toast," he cautioned the crowd later in the evening. "In memory of that day in Philadelphia in 1726, and that small group of people who dedicated emselves to free trade, free religion and representative government.

Politics or not, these are still qualities noticeably lacking in Vietnamese society. Since Bill Americans have found their way to Ho Chi Minh City, as Saigon is now officially called. At the Fourth of July every one of the celebrants had their own story of corruption - the routine bribes and backhanders, the labyrinthine lavers of bureaucracy. We pre-censor rather than post-censor," said the Australian publisher of Vietnam's leading English language busi-

ness journal, and even this does

not always work. For the July issue, the magazine had prepared a celebratory pull-out bearing the names and photographs of the new polithuro. Then, on the first day of the Congress, one of the nominees died. "We had to pulp the lot, orders of the Prime Minister's office - 28,500 copies, all because of that dead bastard." Todd, a 55-year-old Vietnam

War vet turned tractor executive recounted the time he found himself in a Hanoi bar with nine Vietnamese contemporaries. "They ask me what I do," he said. and I never lie about it. So it turned out that while I'd been flying F-4s off the aircraft carriers, these boys had all been MiG pilots. We got so drunk together, by the end of the evening I had them on stage singing the first four verses of the Star Spangled Banner. That's the thing about the Vietnamese: they love Americans."

"We wanted to have a firework display, because it's so much a part of the Fourth of July back in the States," said Mr Scown. But they didn't like the symbolism - Americans firing rockets over Saigon. I guess you can see the point."

Richard Lloyd Parry

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# A. G. Ogston

Alexander George ("Sandy") Ogston had a gentie but critical mind. He conveyed to his Oxford undergraduate students, of whom I was one, the need to keep in mind a simple question that is still relevant after half a century - "Is the conclusion sensible?"; or, as he would have put it, "Is it thermodynamically reasonable?

This need for things to make sense is probably why Sandy Ogston was able to solve a theoretical biochemical problem of considerable interest at the time in the 1940s when the metabolic pathways of living organisms were being worked out by Sir Hans Krebs and others.

Several chemical steps had been considered and rejected by other investigators because they required an apparent impossibility - the paradoxical formation of only one of two equally likely asymmetric products from a symmetrical precursor. In the summer of 1948 Ogston convincingly argued in a scientific paper of fewer than 400 words that the paradox disappears if the symmetrical precursor is attached to its relevant enzyme at

This three-point attachment hypothesis was widely accepted (Krebs devoted almost the whole of a chapter of his autobiography to Ogston's "penetrating theoretical analysis" in this matter), and was a factor in Ogston's election to the Royal Society in 1955. Typically, Ogston was somehow slightly embarrassed by the importance others placed on this work, because, as he would diffidently explain, the idea only took him

a few moments to conceptualise. Born in 1911, Sandy Ogston was educated at Eton and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a Brackenbury Scholar and gained a First in Chemistry in 1933. After a brief time as a Freedom Research Fellow at the London Hospital studying blood proteins, he was awarded his DPhil (Oxon) in 1937, and began what was to become

Ian Carruthers will be remem-

bered for his major contribu-

tions to agrarian development

particularly in irrigation eco-

ternal degrees in Agricultural

Development which he did so

much to set up at Wye College.

recognise that capital invest-

ment in Third World irrigation

systems would inevitably be

wasted if attention was not

paid to operating and mainte-

propriate levels and methods of

cost recovery was one he

continuously pressed. His work

on irrigation resulted in

many presentations and publi-

cations, culminating in the pub-

lication with Colin Clark of a

seminal book, The Economics of

He was born in 1938 in Sid-

cup, the eldest of four children,

and went to Sidcup and Chisle-

hurst Grammar School where

he excelled academically and in

sports. Subsequently, he at-

tended Wye College, London

University's outpost in Ash-

field, Kent, and graduated with

a First Class degree in Horti-

Irrigation, in 1981.

nance costs. The question of ap-

He was among the first to

in the world's poorer countries

a period of over 20 years as a Fellow of his old college, tu-toring in Physiology and lecturing in the Department of

Biochemistry.

During the Second World War he was a member of the Ministry of Supply Research Team (1939-43) and of the Inter-Service Research Bureau (1943-44), where his physical chemical skills were used in attempts to develop methods of inactivating some of the awful poison gases used in the First World War.

After the war, Ogston re-sumed his academic studies, which seemed always to be characterised by his ability to arrive at unexpectedly simple so-lutions to difficult problems. Thus the solution of a complex anomaly, observed in 1935 (while at the London Hospital) when blood proteins were centrifuged, was shown 10 years later by Ogston and his student J.P. Johnston to be due to a predictable change in the concentrations of moving particles when they are slowed down by their surroundings. This Johnston-Ogston effect is of such generality that the same principles can predict the changes in the spacing of cars as they pass along a road with zones having different speed

Another of Ogston's elegantly simple solutions to complex problems, in this case



Arts and Sciences at Trinity, by June Mendoza: left to right, Lord Clark, A.G. Ogston, Sir Hars Krebs, Sir Ronald Syme, Professor R.R. Porter

related to the strange behaviour of mixtures of proteins and long chain carbohydrates. subsequently proved relevant to the permeability of paper and gels, and even to the growth of roots.

In 1960, Ogston began what he sometimes described as the period of his life devoted main-

**Professor Ian Carruthers** 

activities at Wye, he established which he first discussed in The monwealth Secretariat and oth-a record for throwing the crick- Economics of Irrigation, was er bilateral organisations. He

again treated in his book with

Leslie Small, Farmer Financed

But Carruthers's life was not

only concerned with irrigation.

He addressed all manner of pol-

icy issues in the area of agrari-

an development, and his

interests gradually broadened

and took on a global perspec-

tive. He took an early lead in the

discussion of environmental is-

sues and subsequently of con-

cerns for social development.

More recently his views on

world food security have be-

come influential at the very

highest levels in this important

As an independent thinker he

raised many important but per-

haps awkward questions. With

a ready fund of ideas he was in

constant demand as an adviser

and consultant to such bodies

as the Food and Agriculture Or-ganisation (FAO), the World Bank, the World Health Or-

ganisation (WHO), the Over-

seas Development Agency (ODA), the United States

Agency for International De-

velopment (USAID), the Com-

debate.



et ball which stands to this day.

cultural Economics. With this

training he joined Hunting

Technical Services as an agri-

cultural economist, working on

the Lower Indus Project in

Pakistan, then the largest irri-

gation programme in the world.

It was this experience that set

the course for his major contri-

bution to irrigation economics.

Kingdom in 1967, he was ap-

pointed to the staff of Wye Col-

lege, in an ODA-funded post

which required him to spend

much of his time overseas. He

went first to Makerere Univer-

sity in Uganda and subsequently

to the University of Nairobi

looking into irrigation and wa-

ter management. At the Insti-

tute of Development Studies in

Nairobi he extended his work to

Back in Wye, he strengthened

the teaching in overseas devel-

opment and extended his work

on the management of irrigation

systems. The case for reform in

Births,

rural water supplies.

culture in 1961. Among other the matter of cost recovery,

Upon return to the United

Following graduation, he un-

Ogston, right, in 1965, with his predecessor as President of Trinity,

dertook postgraduate studies at Irrigation: the economics of Oxford at the Institute of Agri-reform, published in 1991.

iy to helping others carry out their academic vocations, already presaged by his serving from 1955 to 1959 as chairman of the editorial board of the Biochemical Journal. He moved to the Australian National University as the Professor of Physical Biochemistry - a field which was the precursor of modern molecular biology, in which he was one of the earliest protagonists, in which physical meth-ods are used to study biological He stayed in Australia until

1970, when he returned to Oxford to serve with distiction as President of Trinity College (over the wall from Balliol); the Trinity College residential building in Rawlinson Road, Oxford, is named "Ogston House" after him. After his retirement from this office in 1978, he continued to help others by serving on and eventually chairing the processor as President of Trinity. Council of Selly Oak Colleges, Photograph: Oxford Mail and Times Birmingham, until 1984.

served as a non-executive di-

rector on the main board of the

Commonwealth Development

Member of the Overseas

Ian Carruthers made an out-

standing personal contribution

to enhancing the accessibility of

continuing professional devel-

opment in sustainable agricul-

ture and rural development

internationally. He was the

originator, inspiration and dri-

ving force for the Wye College

External Programme. He had

the foresight to identify an in-

ternational need and the abili-

ty to generate the means for

meeting it. He inspired and en-

couraged his colleagues to com-mit themselves to publish books

and learning materials of the

highest quality and relevance.

professionals world-wide to

update their knowledge and

to qualify for postgraduate London University degrees.

The extraordinary success of the

programme is recognised by

government organisations.

agencies and charities around

the world. In 1994, it was award-

His initiative has enabled

Corporation and as a C

Development Institute.

nised Ogston's outstanding contributions to chemistry by awarding him the Davy Medal in 1986, and he was made an honorary fellow of Balliol (1969) and Trinity (1978) Colleges, Oxford, and of the Biology Department of York University (1990). In 1962 Ogston was elected Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, and the University of Uppsala (where Svedberg and Tiselius founded the field of physical biochemistry) in 1977 awarded him the honorary

The Royal Society recog-

degree of MedD.

The tangible legacy that Ogston left to the scientific world by finding simple solutions to complex problems is clear from the published record. The intensible legacy of corn. The intangible legacy of example and affectionate guidance that he left to his students of all ages can be illustrated by his own words from a 1970 lecture to the Australian Biochemical

ed a Queen's Anniversary Prize.

work of contacts enabled him

also to recognise shifts in the de-

mand for traditional year-long

highly focused professional up-

date. He took up the challenge

on behalf of the college, which

now has an extensive and suc-

cessful portfolio of courses for

continuing professional devel-

full part in college affairs, serv-

ing for six years on the Gov-

erning Body and as Head of the

Department of Agricultural

Economics between 1988 and

1991. Recognition for his work came with his Readership in Agrarian Development in 1977

and subsequently the award

of the Chair of Agrarian

Development at Wye in 1984.

Ian Carruthers not only made an incisive and perceptive

contribution to dehate on in-

ternational development; he

was also a plantsman of con-

siderable standing, taking great

delight in his extensive garden

at Waltham on the Kent Downs.

He was a horticulturist by in-

clination and training and had

opment. In addition he took a

Carruthers's extensive net-

Society: "For science is more than the search for truth, more than a challenging game, more than a profession. It is a life that a diversity of people lead together, in the closest proximity, a school for social living. We are members one of

#### Oliver Smithies

Alexander George Ogston, bio-Alexander George Ogston, bio-chemist: born Bombay 30 Janu-ary 1911; Fellow, Balliol College, Oxford 1937-59 (Honorary Fel-low 1969); Reader in Biochem-istry, Oxford University 1955-59; FRS 1955; Professor of Physical Biochemistry, John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU 1959-70 (Emeritus); President, Trini-ty College, Oxford 1970-78 (Honorary Fellow 1978); Vice-Chairman, Central Council, Sel-ly Oak Colleges, Birmingham ty Oak Colleges, Birmingham 1976-80, Chairman 1980-84; married 1934 Elizabeth Wick steed (one son, three daughters); died 29 June 1996.



Carruthers: irrigation economics

sense of their culmary use and he became a devoted cook. mvariably preparing fine dinners that many enjoyed at his home. He lived with his second wife, Sarah Ladbury, both in England and occasionally in Cyprus. They shared an interest and expertise in social and economic development.

#### Paul Webster

Ian Douglas Carnahers, agri-cultural economist: born Sidcup. Kent 30 August 1938: Lecturer, Reader and Professor of Agrarian Development, Wye Col lege 1967-96; married 1961 Barbara Price (two sons, one daughter; marriage dissolved a true feel for plants. Growing 1992), 1993 Sarah Ladbury; a variety of herbs gave him a died Canterbury 24 May 1996.

# Gerardo Rueda

semi-geometrical windows at

Sainte-Foy abbey in Conques (Aveyron), Gerardo Rueda combined his passion for geo-

metrical forms and sculpture

and architecture in the con-

struction of the noble windows

of the cathedral of Cuenca,

which remain for all to see as

one of his major achievements. In 1991 in Madrid Rueda par-ticipated in a collective exhibi-

tion, "El Prado visto per doce

artistas contemporaneos" ("The

Prado Viewed by Twelve Con-

temporary Artists"), which

da: playful and impocent

brought an unusual breath of vi-

sionary self-expression to the

contemplation of that great

museum's most celebrated

works. The exhibition went on

to Seville the following year, and

in 1992 Rueda also showed a

personal collection at the

Fourth El Cairo Biennale, dur-

ing which he was awarded the

Medalla de Honor Especial.

This was just one of the many distinguished awards presented

to the artist during his lifetime, culminating in 1995 with his

election as permanent member

of the Real Academia de

Bellas Artes de San Fernando.

three cerebral attacks, when he

attended in Valencia an an-

thology of his works organised

by IVAM (Instituto Valenciano

de Arte Moderno), which he de-

clared open by saying: "I always have to have direct contact

with art, to bring myself to it

It was in March 1996 that

Self-taught artists possess a his art known to thousands of special spirit of curiosity and invention that often stays with him before. But he is best known for a them and manifests itself in truly adventurous, unique ar-chitectural and artistic undereven their most manure and sophisticated creations. Gerardo taking in the city of Cuenca where, with his friends and fellow artists Fernando Zobel and Gustavo Torner, he founded the first gallery of abstract art in Furope, housed in a visionary assemblage of casas colgadas or

Rueda Salaberry, to give him his full name, intended to become a lawyer, and studied law in Madrid before suddenly de-ciding he wanted to be a painter. He began painting landscapes in an Impressionist style derived from the French "hanging houses". No one who visits Chenca can ever forget the masters he so much admired, liberating atmosphere of this but soon moved on to more conunique museum and its extemporary styles, influenced by Klee and Nicolas de Staël, and quisitely hung (in every sense) works of art, the most impressive collection of abstractions of had his first one-man show, Collages y dibujos abstractos all periods in Europe. This was not the only public ("Collages and abstract drawings"), in 1954 at the Madrid gallery Abril. work Rueda undertook for Cuenca. Between 1990 and 1991, again possibly inspired by the work of Soulages and its

Before that he had participated in group exhibitions with contemporaries like Antoni Tapies, Manuel Millares and Manolo Rivera, exponents of abstract arte povera using cheap materials such as sack-cloth, plastic and pinboard.

Rueda's abstractions were usually refined, delicate, elegant expressions of his love of order. that still showed that "informal" quality of paint in keeping with a respect for "the obvious, the clear, the controlled".

He began exhibiting abroad, particularly in Latin America. that refuge of so many Span-iards during the Franco regime. He participated in the second Biennale Hispano-Americana in Havana in 1953, and in exhibitions in Caracas and Bogota-His affection for, and gratitude towards Latin America lasted all his life, and at the time of his death a large retrospective of his works, "Trayectos" ("Pathway"), is going the rounds of all the leading art museums of South

America. In 1960 Rueda's work was displayed at the Biennale in Venice, and while in Rome after the exhibition he became interested in the work of Giorgio Morandi and his near-abstract still-lifes. All through the Sixties his work was exhibited in the great galleries of Europe, in individual or group shows, and in 1962 he had a retrospective at the Tate Gallery in London.

His carefully constructed, perfectly balanced geometric assemblages were strengthened by the way he applied his paint, often with a bold palette, using a knife. He gradually freed himself from what might be perceived as over-rigid composition and, perhaps under the influence of Pierre Soulages and Yves Klein, released all his painterly energies in large monochrome works in various shades of grey, in black or roywere saved from monotony by accidental reliefs and various deliberate forms of surface animation, creating expanses of vital energy that occupied an almost sculptural space in the frame. This led to the creation of sculptures in wood or metal in the form of relief carvings during the 1970s.

Rueda never lost the playful, innocent spirit of the self-made artist, and on several occasions one could see him having fun with the mounting of window displays for important department stores like El Corte Inglés, and in 1991, out of a score of chosen contestants, he won first prize for the design of the entrance doors to the Spanish Pavilion at the Exposicion Universal in Seville, a monumental work that made his name and

Head of Syrian delegation to the

peace talks with Israel 1991-95.

Mowafak al-Aliaf, diplomat, died Cairo 4 July, aged 70.

#### without any intermediaries of schools or theories." That was the young self-taught beginner speaking out frankly, just as he used to do when telling anyone who would fisten that he did not understand Dubuffet or

emotion," he said. James Kirkup

Gerardo Rueda Salaberry painter and sculptor: born Madrid 23 April 1926, died Madrid 25 May 1996.

Matisse. "My art is all in the

Barry Lineham, actor, died London 8 June, aged 67. Best known as the voice of "Mr Kipling's Cakes".

#### BIRTHS

LANDER / BARCLAY: To Richard and Sarah, a son, Benjamin Michael Lennard, born 4 July, a brother for

#### DEATHS

BARNETT: Mathilde (Tilly), née Sittig, formerly of the BBC and the Listener, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died suddenly and peacefully on 6 July 1996, aged 85. Funeral at Goldens Green Crematorium on 12 July, family flowers, donations to Friends of Edgware General Hospital, enquiries to Coperative Funeral Services, Edgware, 0181-952 1393.

HIGHES: Piers Heyworth, BA
AMSIA, investment director. On 3
July 1996, died in hospital after a gullant fight sgainst a long illness. One
of the most genuinely civilised peopie. Beloved husband of Melany and
wonderful father to Katherine.
Robert and Anna, also dearest son of
Lorna Rosbottom. Memorial service
at Sherborne Abbey on Saturday 7
September at 11.30am. Donations if
desired to Brian Mallion, Director of desired to Brian Mallion, Director of Finance, Royal Brompton Hospital, York Ward, Sydney Street, London SW3 6NP.

JANSON: Guy Janson MBE of Southover. Service of thanksgiving on Friday 12 July at Southover Church, Southover High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, at 2.30pm. All enquiries to Messrs Jansons of 7 Portman Street,

### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen receives Mr Nelson Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa at the start of his State Visit. The Prince of Wales hosts the launch of "Roots of the Future", a publication and exhibition por-traying ethnic diversity in the making of ranne, a punisation and cumotion pot-traying ethnic diversity in the making of Britain, at St James's Palace, London SWI. The Princess Royal, Patron, BT Global Challenge, names a yacht taking part in "The World's Boughest Yacht Race" at St. Katharine's Dock, London E1. Princess Margaret attends the State Ranquet at

#### Marriages & Deaths London W1H OBA, Telephone 0171 493 4113.

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OPENSHAW: Clare Patricia, FRCGP.
Died Satunday 6 July, peacefully at
home aged 39. Wife of Peter and
mother of Sam, Jonathan and
Madeleine, Quaker Memorial Service
at Street Meeting, Somerset, at 2pm
on Saturday 13 July. Celebration of
her life in London in September. Her
"garden is a lovesome thing, God
wor", and continues to grow.

VAUGHAM: Clare Patricia, see VAUGHAN: Clare Patricia, see

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Buckingham Palace, Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, Lancaster University, pre-sides at ceremonies for the conferment of Degrees and Honorary Degrees at Lan-caster University and opens the Centenary Building of the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Lancaster

Changing of the Guard
The Household Cavairy Muunted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at
Horse Guards, Harr, Ist Battellon Irish
Guards Tomorte the Guards

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Widdicombe and Miss T. Lee

The engagement is announced from Hong Kong between Daniel, younger son of David Widdicombe QC and Mrs Anastasia Widdicombe, of Lon don NW1, and Tania, only daugh of Mr and Mrs Kush Lee, of Hong Kong and Perth, Australia.

#### Birthdays

King Hassan II of Morocco, 67; Mr Peter Balfour, former chairman, Charterhouse plc, 75; Sir Phillip Bridges, former Chief Justice of the Gambia, 74; Davne Barbara Cartland, novelist, 95; Mr David Chidgey MP, 54; Mr Richard Demarco, artist, 66; Sir George Edwards, former chair-man, BAC, 88; Mr Eric Halladay, for-mer Principal, St Chad's College, Durham University, 66; Sir Edward Heath MP, former Prime Minister, 90; Mr John Heath Stubbe, post 78; 80; Mr John Heath-Stubbs, poet, 78; Mr David Hockney, painter, 59; Dame Jill Knight MP, 69: Mr Richard Neilson, High Commissioner to Irinidad and Tobago, 59: Lord Os-borne, a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, 59; Sir Richard Justice in Scotland, 37, 5th Richard Tucker, High Court judge, 66; Mr Michael Williams, actor, 61; Mr Richard Wilson, actor and director, 60; Dr Stephen Winkley, Headmas-ter, Uppingham School, 52.

#### Anniversaries

Births: Ann Radcliffe (Ann Word), novelist, 1764; Charles Bruce Bairnsfather, cartoonist, 1888; Ian Mikardo, former Labour MP, 1908, Deaths: Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1228; Jan van Eyck, painter, 1440; Edmund Burke, statesman, 1797; King Camp Gillette, safety-razor inventor, 1932. On this day: Henry VIII divorced Anne of Cleves, 1540; the Bahamas became independent, 1973. Today is the Feast Day of St Everild, St Nicholas Pieck and his Companions, The Martyrs of Gorcum (Holland) and St Veronica de Julianis.

#### Lectures

British Museum: Elizabeth Baquedano, "The Mesoamerican Ball Game: symbolic aspects", 1.15pm. RIBA Architecture Centre: Michael Wilford, "Current Buildings and Projects", 6.30pm.

#### Joan Thirkettle A memorial service for Joan Thir-

kertle will be held at noon on Tues day 3 September 1996 at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4.

#### Luncheons Newspaper Conference

Mr Michael Portillo MP, Secretary of State for Delence, was guest of ho-nour and speaker at a Newspaper Conference Lunch held yesterday at the Newspaper Society, Bloomsbury Square, London WC1. Mr John Hipwood, Chairman, presided.

#### Dinners

**HM** Government The Prince of Wales attended a dinner given by HM Government yesterday evening at Apsley House, London W1. in honour of the Sul-tan of Oman, Qaboos bin Said Al Said, Mr Nicholas Soames MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, were the hosts.

#### Children act cases to be heard in private Re P-B (a minor); Court of Appeal (Lady Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord

Justice Thorpe) 20 June 1996 Family proceedings involving

children should generally be heard in private and, although the judge had a discretion, under rule 4.16(7) of the Family Proceedings Rules 1991, to hear all or part of the case in public, he was not bound by considerations of open justice or freedom of expression to do

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the father of a five-year-old boy, who may not be identified, against the decision of Judge Gold-stein, sitting in Bow County Court on 14 March 1996, that the father's application for a residence order under the Chil-dren Act 1989 should not be heard in open court.

The father in person; Janet Plange (Lucas & Ball) for the mother; Harry Turcan (Official Solicitor) as unicus curiae.

Lady Justice Butler-Sloss said the father had asked for the whole case, evidence and judgment, to be in open court. The application was supported by an intervenor in the proceedings. and was not objected to by ei-ther the mother or the Official

#### LAW REPORT

Solicitor. The judge neverthe- laws and a rotten use of less felt constrained by rule 4.16(7) of the 1991 Rules to decide that the proceedings

Rule 4.16(7) provided: Unless the court otherwise directs, a hearing of, or directions appointment in, proceedings to which this Part applies shall be in chambers.

should all be heard in private.

To her Ladyship's mind those words were clear and simple. However, the appellant suggested that the "default position", if no application was made to hear the case in public, was to hear it in chambers, but that the judge ought to exercise his discretion in each case to come to the inevitable conchision that all cases should be

heard in public. He set out a number of arguments in support of hearing child cases in public, including the right of the public to know what was going on, criticism of secret justice, the dangers of hearing cases in private without the scrutiny of the public and press, and the mability of litigants in person to get experience in conducting child cases or to find out what the judge was like. He suggested they were rotten

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discretion. In support of these arguments, he relied on a line of cases which set out the importance of open justice in the courts, in particular Scott v Scott [1913] AC 417, and on the views of several members of the judi-

ciary in lectures or articles. He recognised the longestablished practice of excluding the public in wardship cases and sought to distinguish it from all other children cases. He was not, in her Ladyship's view, able to sustain that distinction. The court's paramount duty in wardship, namely care of the ward, was now to be found in section 1 of the Children Act: "the welfare of the child shall be the court's paramount consideration".

The appellant also relied on articles 6 and 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Article 6(1) provided for the public hearing of cases, but with the proviso of exclusion of the press and public from all or part of the trial "where the interests of juveniles . . . so require". The right to freedom of expression contained in article 10 was

also subject to conditions. It would seem that present procedures in family cases were in accordance with the Convention.

The long-established practice in the English High Court and county courts when hearing applications for custody or access (now called residence or contact) or wardship had been and remained to hear the whole of the evidence in private. In the High Court, judg-ment would often be given in public where the court believed there was a public interest in the case or to give guidance to practitioners.

Despite the appellant's arguments, it was abundantly clear that the courts were bound by rule 4.16(7) to hear child cases generally in private. The sub-rule allowed for all or part of the case to be heard in public, but in the light of the long-established practice it was unlikely that judges would, other than rarely, hear the evidence relating to the welfare

of a child in public.
The exercise of discretion remained in the hands of the trial judge and it was a matter for the judge in each case to exer-cise that discretion if called

upon to do so.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

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# British politics requires more thought

One part is charlatanry, another is opportunism and a third part is chutzpah. Both the consultants and the think tanks rose to their present eminence in the Eighties. Then, if you needed a cover story for mass sacking. you called a consultant; if you needed a fig leaf for a prime minister's whim, such as the poll tax, you whistled up a think-tank report. This was not all bad. It was the decade that taught the Tories to think, and to respect ideas including foreign ideas. And the right-wing think tanks had real political influence. Without their chutzpah and, at times, their charlatanry, the Thatcherite programme would have lacked some of its internal selfconfidence and determination.

Today, however, the think tanks of the right are in decline. They are fac-ing leftish think tanks, which don't seem to have the same influence on Tony Blair as the Conservative ones had on Margaret Thatcher. And now, in a strange turnabout, David Willetts, grmerly of the Centre for Policy Studies and now a Conservative minister, has published a CPS pamphlet to denounce - of all things - thinkers and think tanks.

He selects eight gurus (including the unguru-like editor of this newspaper) and chastises them for creating a climate of opinion which is un-British

ike management consultancy, think-tankery is thing of parts.

and may help Mr Blair's New Labour.

Unlike the home-spun wisdom of the Unlike the home-spun wisdom of the Tories, Blair, it seems, is surrounding himself with thinkers influenced by foreigners, including that dreadful Chinaman Confucius. Once he might have sought to explain how an Austrian, Friedrich von Hayek, could both have profoundly influenced the German social market economic model and been hailed by Lady Thatcher. Nor, we seem to recall, was Milton Friedman a yeoman of Sussex.

At any rate, confronted by the proposition that British politicians are being drenched with fresh thinking from home or abroad, we can only say: "We wish." The Institute of Economic Affairs and its aficionados have spun a tale about how Mrs Thatcher was captured by its free-market ideas. It was, in truth, always a little more complicated and duller than they made out. The Thatcherite Tories respected Hayek and Friedman more than they read them. But the evidence of Blair and his colleagues mopping up books of political theory is scant by comparison. There are occasional respectful references to handy bestsellers and the thinkings of American Democratic pundits. Terms such as "stakeholding" have proved useful for a speech or two. Political reform was put on to the party's agenda by the campaigners of Charter 88 and frustrated Labour activists. But the stronger influences on



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Labour's thinking are the current mood of the tabloid and Conservative press, with a nod at the Liberal papers. Labour shows no great relish for ideas. Indeed, we rather fear that Mr Paul Dacre, editor of the Daily Mail, is as strong a current influence on the party as any liberal pundit or modish economist. It's certainly the case that Mr Willetts, as an opponent, is paying more respectful intellectual attention to the alleged Blair gurus than Blair does.

That, however, is politics. Authors and think-tank directors would love us to believe that there is an old-fashioned intellectual hegemony which can be

spun together and will trap the dominant politicians of the day. But the times when a coherent intellectual movement has swept through a capital have tended to produce bad, sometimes bloody, politics. Leninism was coherent and, up to point, intellectual. So was the Republican revolution" in America, which is now lying smashed by the force of its own logic. These days, the left is relatively unintellectual compared to the hard-edged thinkers of the right. The left's ideas are kinder, gentler and vaguer. Even the most kindly disposed friends of the Institute of Public Policy Research would admit that it is low key.

think tanks, is a great predicter of trends and tendencies. But we need to distinguish ideas that actually make it into policy (which are few) and ideas which shake things up by flipping over the prism of perspective.

The ideas on offer to Labour now are

simple and starting points only. "Glob-alisation" does not get us far, but at least it points to the dependency of workforces, even regions on the everfaster velocity of capital: insecurity is a real and common feeling. Political reform is not an idea imported from Germany, or anywhere else, but a common-sense reaction to the failings of the British political system over the past 20 years - failings felt by most observers, specialist or not. The centralisation of government is an observable fact. On social policy, there are as many remedies as thinkers, but a new toughness on weifare among some on the left is not intellectual, so much as a reaction to the lives and opinions of Labour constituents. These ideas are in the air and will influence Labour not because some people have written books, but because they correspond to common feelings, repeated in newspapers and MPs'

Does this mean that the gurus and their enemies are equally irrelevant? Not at all. Thinkers, never a terribly popular lot in Britain, have a role and

Demos, that enfant terrible of recent think tanks, is a great predicter of political leaders to subvert and challenge public opinion, but also to educate and inform it. Whether they congregate in tanks or move like free spirits along the M40, we all need more not less thinking.

#### Around the world again

Magellan did it through his straits. Francis Drake did it on his Hind. Captain James Cook would have done it - had the natives not been so friendly. It was still relatively interesting when Chay Blyth did it single-handedly on a boat commemorating a nationalised

But a quarter of a century later, it has to be said that, however it is done, whether east to west, back to front, in a canoe or a catamaran, circumnavigation of the globe has become a bit of

Two-and-a-half cheers only, then, for Samantha Brewster and her feat of lone sailoring. The tang of the salt off Tierra del Fuego, the threat of typhoons in Celebes; nothing can detract from the drama of this odyssey except that repeat mariners know what

### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### Putting a price on the environment

Sir: John Gummer's "real anger" (Letters, 5 July) at Labour's lack of environmental commitment would be more convincing if he had not been supporting the international effort of some neoliberal economists to "monetise"

nature and amenity.

Their theory is that human lives should be valued according to whether they are lived in rich countries or poor ones, so that the life of a North American or a West European is many tens of times more valuable than that of a Bangladeshi.

The same doctrine seeks to find a money value for individual components of the environment by asking what financial ation affected individuals might accept for the loss of them.

Both these doctrines are expressions of that monetarist philosophy which has proved incapable of understanding that. in allowing misuse of "the" environment", governments are exacting subsidies from today's poor, and from all future generations, for the benefit of today's fat cats. These subsidies are what need sorting out by the world's official economists, including Mr Gummer's, and they can't do it using the vocabulary of "the market". WAYLAND KENNET (Lord Kennet) House of Lords London SW1

Sir: With an election date looming it is not enough for Frank Dobson to promise those concerned with the low profile of Labour's environment policy that "more will be made available in due course" (letter, 8 July). Labour's draft manifesto says they will "encourage" energy saving, "promote" green business and "recognise" environmental challenges - but it falls to say how it will achieve any

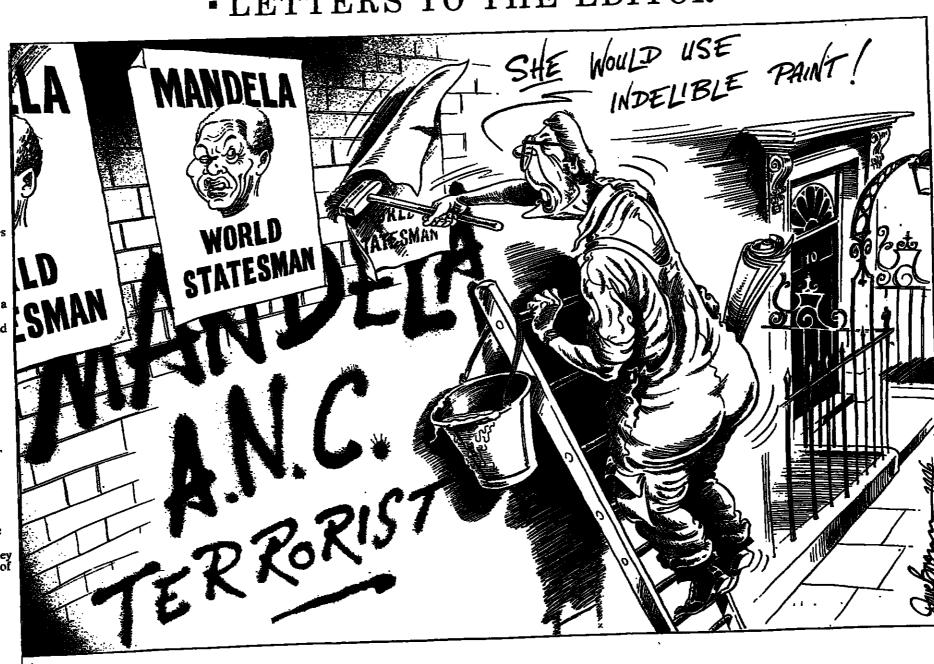
We can all recognise the challenge. Even the Conservative of these. Party shares these aims. However, only the Liberal Democrats are prepared to rise to that challenge

with specific policies. We are the only one of the major political parties to make the commitment that the Climate Action Network UK calls for: a target of reducing CO2 emissions by 30 per cent over 15 years, and we explain in detail how we would achieve it. We are committed to detailed proposals to shift to environment taxation - taxing pollution but using the funds to cut taxes on jobs and products.

Every politician likes to sound green these days but Liberal Democrats uniquely explain what we will do about it. MATTHEW TAYLOR MP (Truro, Lib Dem) Liberal Democrat Environment Spokesperson House of Commons London SW1

#### Merry July

Sir: This morning (8 July) I received a Christmas card from the president of Help the Aged, together with a catalogue of their cards for purchase. With almost half the year still to go, I wonder, is this a record? SUE MILLER Oxford



#### No way to control the baby

Sir: Speaking as a relative pro (GP and mother of four) I would like to encourage people who don't "stay in control" and use painkillers during birth (reports, 5 July). We strive to be in charge of our partners, our midwives, our doctors and ourselves, but can we really be in control of the baby?

My first was an epidural because I couldn't stand the pain, the next was natural but uncomfortable, the third was a dream birth, and the last was the worst, despite gas and air. This was nothing to do with my attitude or the hospital's, but because presumably the baby was a different shape and the labour took a different path.

If you have a perfect birth, say thanks to the baby, and when it's hard and you need help remember it is the beginning of allowing freedom to your child. Dr ET MANN Harrogate, North Yorkshire

#### Save the whale from myths

Sir: Much of what Roger Scruton (report, 3 July) has to say about animal rights is worthy of consideration. To enlist Moby Dick, though, as a vindication of whaling does lead one to wonder whether Professor Scruton has undertaken a serious study of what may well be, as he puts it, the "greatest" American novel".

First, Melville "account[s] the whale immortal in his species" that is, that his "Leviathans", are immune to extinction.

Secondly, to argue along these lines seems to suggest that Melville's priority in Moby Dick was to provide an account of the whale fishery of the 19th century, or a natural history of the great "fish" (yes: Melville defends the view that whales are fish). So far as Ahab was "monomaniacal" about the great white whale, and so far as this monomania corrupted his humanity. it might better be stated that Moby Dick is a cautionary tale to all persons who objectify things (one great white whale; other animals) and pursue them indifferent to how the pursuit impacts upon both his moral nature and the community of which he is a part. JELLIS PERRY IV Department of Philosophy University of Aberdeen

#### Sabotage plan for angry dons

Sir: The media have been absorbed with the rows over salaries for airline pilots and MPs. Could you find a column inch or two to address academics' salaries?

After protracted negotiations university lecturers have been made a final offer of 1.5 per cent. None of us can remember when we last received a pay rise that matched inflation. I suggest that from next autumn

we simply take every application form for a place at a British university and put it through the office shredder, or at least lock it away in a safe place until after the next general election. Schools.

applicants and their parents might then at least become aware that there is a problem. Some of those parents might well be senior civil servants and politicians.

It is very important that we do not hurt our present students. I suggest we award all of them firstclass degrees next year. The students won't complain, but it might create problems for prospective employers - business, the Civil Service, the media. As none of these bodies care about us, why should we care about them? Now, it might be that we will be

deemed to be breaking the law - so I suggest that all academics be put in boot camps: we will benefit from the physical exercise and the mental relaxation. And who will staff the universities during our absence? Draft in the military! The entertainment value of the ensuing scenes will boost the nation's morale no end. DT ROBERT PORTER Department of Russian Studies

#### Golden age of consensus

Bristol University

Sir: Fifty years ago was certainly no golden age (leading article 6 July). Britain was bankrupt after a sixyear war, but let's try forty years ago, when the post-war cross-party agreement on the welfare state and full employment had something to

In 1955 there were only 232,000 unemployed (1.1 per cent) and 192,000 houses were built for local

authorities. The average rate of inflation for the previous three years was just under 3 per cent. Personal taxes were high, but there were no beggars on the streets or either teenagers or the mentally

Power to the

Sir: Francesca Klug of Charter 88

would necessarily shift power to

government ministers and public

enormously in recent decades, without a Bill of Rights. The mind

boggles at the torrent of litigation

which would result if judges were

also required to weigh government decisions against a vague list of

where the courts cannot overturn

contention. The New Zealand Bill

of Rights was not entrenched due

to lack of popular support for such

The experience of the New

Zealand Bill of Rights model,

legislation, also supports my

a move. Yet the New Zealand

Court of Appeal has already

succeeded in making the Bill of

far beyond what was originally

intended by New Zealand's

Ms Klug argues that

international human rights

source for a common set of

values. The proponents of

instruments provide a suitable

objective values" must restrict

themselves to a few abstract

ideals whose vagueness allows

almost any interpretation. By

judges. I have no doubt that

are very clever chaps but we

philosopher-kings.

RICHARD BACON

London SWI

Messrs Woolf, Slynn and others

should not ask them to become

parliament.

Rights into an instrument that goes

(letter, 5 July) contests my statement that a Bill of Rights

judges. In doing so, she amply illustrates why I am right.

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unstable sleeping rough.
In England and Wales the number of divorces was only 7 per cent of the number of marriages. The 1955 records show only 30 murders. The streets were safe and there was not enough mugging to be recorded.

Now we have abandoned all that for the "permissive society", where, to quote the Book of Judges, Everyone did that which was right in their own eyes". The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. There are now nearly ten times as many unemployed. Half the marriages now end in divorce, leaving half today's children with that undeserved trauma. It is hardly surprising that if we are

now told by our intellectual leaders that there is no life after death and certainly no judgement for what we get away with here, that we grab what we can, while we can, however we can and hold on to it hard. Even the Labour Party have abandoned any commitments either to full employment or to expenditure which would raise taxes, however slightly, on the rich to look after the sick, the poor and homeless or to bring our education up to the level of our competitors. The second great commandment of the Christian faith is that we should love our neighbour as ourself. We forget that at our peril. Sir FRED CATHERWOOD President, The Evangelical Alliance London SEII

#### Options open on windfall tax

Sir: Insinuations in the Independent (3, 4 July) that some privatised utilities are "hopeful" of exemption from Labour's proposed windfall tax have no basis whatever.

I have met representatives of British Gas – though the purpose of our meeting was not to discuss the windfall tax - and I have met others, including a representative of National Grid, who have specifically wanted to discuss the windfall tax.

I have spelt out on each occasion that Labour has a clear policy of a windfall levy in the monopolistic profits of privatised utilities. I have also on each occasion confirmed what we have said previously - that the introduction of such a levy would he after consultation in government with the industry regulators and that no commitments have been, or are being made, on the level, method nt or scope of the levy.

The utilities are important industries, which we want to see give a good service to consumers and make successful contribution to the economy. It is right that we meet them to discuss matters of mutual concern, and receive their representations. But the application of our policy - strongly supported by the public - will not be deflected by misleading analysis or lobbying pressure.
ANDREW SMITH MP (Oxford East, Lab) Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury House of Commons London SWI

#### Love, death and film rights

Sir. The point of Roger Clarke's article "Death in Venice - the Remix" (5 July) was obviously to let his imagination run riot. I feel obliged, however, to point out two particular inaccuracies concerning the film production Love and Death on Long Island.

The figure of £5000 bears no relation to the purchase of the film rights from Gilbert Adair. Chance would have been a fine thing.

The Canadian backers made no intervention in the casting process, and were not made "nervous" by any aspect of it. In my limited experience, a nervous backer is a non-backer. RICHARD KWIETNIOWSKI London NWI

#### Just relax

Sir: Bernice Weston's Age Power (report, 4 July) seems hardly more than an attempt to market manic activity as an elixir. When over the hill you do indeed gather speed. You also get a clear view of what is at the bottom. If the over-fifties feel bad about the future it is because they simply regret the human condition, not that there is insufficient to do. I strongly advise them to avoid this fatuous enterprise and recover the innate human aptitude for indolence. MICHAEL McKEON Middleton in Teesdale, Co Durkam

#### Slogan war

Sir: If "New Labour, New Danger", why not "Old Tory. Old Story"! DW NIXON Albrighton. Shropshire

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# What is the Jewish state for?

In Israel, John Lichfield discovers a nation divided over how to make peace but sharing a collective identity crisis

art One: West Bank Six teenage Israeli soldiers. rifles propped across their laps, are sitting in the dust, eat-ing choc ices. Beside them is a rambling, ancient building. which is part mosque, part synagogue. According to the Book of Genesis. Chapter 23, a cave beneath the building is the burial place of Abraham, patriarch of Judaism and also of Islam. Here also rest Abraham's wife Sarah and their son Isaac and his wife Rebecca.

A sleepy menace fills the air. Jews are forbidden by the Israeli army to enter the back of the building, which is a mosque: Muslims are forbidden to enter the front, which is a synagogue. Only "Christians" (short-hand for everyone else) are allowed to visit both. The crumbling streets are described save for Israeli paratroopers and groups of children. A gang of Palestinian kids chat to a grinning Israeli soldier: two Jewish kids play on trieveles. The children, who ignore each other, look startlingly similar. They can be told apart only by the small knitted kipas which the Jewish youngsters wear. In this place, at this time, it is reasonable to assume that their parents might cheerfully kill

This is Hebron, the third most holy town in the Holy Land, and the only large Palestinian town on the West Bank still under Israeli control. In the next couple of days - maybe as soon as today - Hebron will provide the first real clue to the intentions of the new Israeli government of Bibi Netanvahu.

It was here, at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in December 1994, that a Jewish settler, Baruch Goldstein, murdered 29 Muslim pilgrims at prayer. It was here that Yigal Amir, the man who murdered Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in November last year, spent most of his weekends, praying with a group of 200 biblically inspired Israeli extremists who insist on living in the heart of an otherwise whosly Palestinian town. Why they do is because it was also here that an entire Jewish community was massacred by Arabs

Equally, Hebron is regarded as one of the principle strongholds of Hamas, the Islamic movement behind the suicide bombings of Israeli cities in February and March which help to explain - but do not wholly explain - the defeat last month of Mr Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres.

When Mr Netanyahu meets President Clinton in Washington today. Hebron will be at the top of the agenda. Under the



terms of the second Oslo agreement between Israelis and Palestinians, the Israeli Defence Force (IDF) was supposed to have "redeployed" in March, remaining only in the town centre to defend the small, aggressive Jewish community there. The transfer was postponed by the Hamas bombings and again by the

Israeli elections.

During his campaign, Candidate Netanyahu, prospecting for votes on the religious right, said he might delay the rede-ployment in Hebron indefinitely. To do so would be a clear signal that he intends to adopt a confrontational approach with the Palestinians tand the US) which would, in effect,

bury the peace process.

On the other hand, if he tells President Clinton today that Israeli troops will shortly leave most of Hebron, Netanyahu will be hailed in the West as a pragmatist, prepared to keep the peace process on track to

Which is it to be? Perhaps neither. The word is that the IDF is already packing up and leaving purely Palestinian areas. However, to cover his domestic right flank. Netanyahu is expected to strengthen (at least cosmetically) the IDF grip on

The mind reels with an overload of conflicting certainties

the town centre. The West even the Palestinian leadership may accept this fudge with relief. But local Palestinian leaders forecast trouble.

Hebron encapsulates not only the convoluted and bloody history of this part of the Middle East but also its muddled and hazardous, immediate future. Dozens of conversations in the past eight days

across Israel. Golan and the state? Or do we want to create West Bank with politicians. officials, soldiers and citizens leave the mind reeling with an overload of categorical (and mutually conflicting) certain-

But here is a working hypothesis: there will be no frontal assault on the peace process by Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu. He will try to muddle his way for at least a year without a clear idea of what he is muddling towards. It is a commonplace among Israelis even those who voted for him to complain: "Who is Bib Netanyahu? No-one knows." In this, if in nothing else, Mr Netanyahu is a man perfectly matched to the moment. Israel is going through an identity crisis, more wrenching than any in its brief history.

Part Two: Jerusalem, Golan and Tel Aviv

Any course in "the Middle East for beginners" should include 10 minutes among the tribes of modern Israel at the Jerusalem central bus station. A young woman sells pirated rock 'n' roll CDs: two ultra-Orthodox young men in dark suits and broadbrimmed black hats shove each other for a seat on the bus: a black (Ethiopian) Israeli serves kosher sandwiches to an impatient queue wearing a selection of black hats and baseball caps.

Last month's election, the most important in Israeli history, was shaped as much by questions Israelis asked of and about themselves: Who are we! Why are we here? Do we want to become a "normal" Western

something uniquely Jewish? What are Jewish values?

To this should be added a related question, which Israelis tend not to ask: Would a renewed emphasis on Jewishness - something promised by Mr Netanyahu - make peace with the Arabs easier or Ilit Eitam is a farmer on the

Golan heights, mother of seven. and wife of a general. "What does it mean to be a Jew in a Jewish state," she asks, "if you end up living in a little Amerheavy stuff on ourselves? [She waves towards the bookshelves full of Hebrew texts] when our children say they want to be American Eighty per cent of young people in Israel don't know the ten commandments. That's the problem we have. We have to make the life of our children meaningful. In the Jewish way. Jewish values. A Jewish life.

The battles within Israeli society are sometimes presented as a struggle between secular liberals and religious conservatives. Such a struggle does exist and sometimes turns violent. In Jerusalem last weekend 3.000 black-hatted Hasidic Jews hurled stones and insults at police in an attempt to close a major city thoroughfare that they insist should be closed on Shabat (the sabbath). But strongly religious Jews are not the only ones to survey Israel today and to feel a sense of

bewilderment. A very senior Labour figure. speaking off the record, said his

be a bastion of secular Israel lost the election partly because it trampled unnecessarily on the sensitivities of such people (Israel's silent majority). "We

came over for the first time as anti-religious, rather than secular but tolerant." Who are we? Why are we here? What are Jewish

> values?" The fundamental argument -sometimes raging within indi-vidual Israelis - is between Israel as a chosen country and Israel as a normal country. With prosperity surging in the quasi-peace of the past three years, "normality" is tempting to many non- or semi-religious Israelis but also alarming.

Many, but not all, religious Jews take a hard line in the Palestinian debate (which is also in a sense about normalising Israel's relations with its enemy-neighbours). Many, but not all, secular-leaning Israelis are inclined to take a risk on

art Three: Jericho, Tel Aviv, Hebron

In the Jordan Valley, between Jericho and the Dead Sea. there is a little barbed wire compound flying two flags: the blue and white of Israel and the red, green, white and black flag of Palestine. In the blinding

Fahrenheit), a little ceremony is being enacted: Israeli solidiers and Palestinian police are about to set out on a joint patrol through Jericho. Israeli soldiers live on one side of the hase: Palestinian "police" (many of them former PLO "freedom fighters" from Iraq or Tunisia) on the other. Between the two a barbed-wire fence provides a neat emblem of the ambiguous condition of Israeli-

Palestinian relations. Captain Fuad Rajih, a Palestinian officer is asked whether it is humiliating to serve alongreplies cryptically, quoting Shi-mon Peres: "Peace is made between enemies, not between friends."

Just before we leave. another Palestinian officer discovers that our Arabic-speaking travelling companion was born in Baghdad. He asks him. when no one else is listening, what he thinks of the situation there. Our companion, mischievously and untruthfully. says that he is a strong supporter of Saddam. The officer, who had been backslapping with the Israelis two minutes before, beams and says: "God bless you sir."

Such talk is commonplace between Palestinians in private, including, it is said, Yasser Arafat. If you believe the peace process is a sham, or doomed to fail, here is your proof. But many senior pro-peace Israeli politicians and officials insist that it proves nothing.

Ehud Baraq is a former head of the Israeli armed forces, and the man most likely to succeed party-although well-known to heat (somewhere in the mid 90s. Shimon Peres next year as

leader of the Labour party. Speaking in his temporary office in Tel Aviv, he says he has no doubt that Arafat and some of those around him still nurse hopes of dismantling the Jewish state. "This is the dream, but so what? He has a right to dream. It will lead him nowhere." The reality, says Mr Baras

Labour hawks) is that Arafat recognises that he must deal with Israel to preserve his own power and influence from the Islamist challenge of Hamas. The only way to "alter the dynamics" of the Middle East. he says, is for Israel to take

(one of the most hard-brake)

"calculated risk" to satisfy legit imate Palestinian demands and hope that Palestinian, and other Arab, attitudes are changed in economic and social benefit? the peace.

Israel, he says, can afford to take a risk. "We are too strong. militarily and economically, to be removed from the Middle East and the Arabs now know that. Some people in Likud will not accept that. They have a shletel [ghetto] state of mind which must feel itself constantly threatened by enemies all

"Netanyahu has a dilemma: whether to go ahead with his election slogans and the traditional postures of Likud and inevitably break his head on the political realities of the Middle East or to pull into the centre and go along with the broad lines of our policies. I am fully confident, knowing the per-sonality, that he will go the see ond way."

But, as Ehud Baraq say Netanyahu has in effect handed Hamas a veto over the peace process. Even if he does keep the show on the road, it is entirely unclear where he is prepared to go in the talks on the "final status" of the Pales-

tinian state-in-embryo. Yoissi Alpher, a former Mossad (Israeli intelligence) executive, who was involved in the private negotiations that led eventually to the Oslo agree-ment, puts it this way: "In a worst-case scenario, the process could fall apart on any number of short-term problems or a resurgence of Hamas terror. In a best-case scenario, we are a major crisis in the final status

negotiations Then what? Of the many election promises Netanyanu made, there is maybe only one really dear to his heart: his promise to bring Reagan-Thatcherism to Israel and create a new economic golden age. The existing boom in foreign investment in Israel depends entirely on peace: a collapse in the negotiations with the Palestinians could turn Bibi's golden age to lead.

There are some politicians and commentators who believe that, rather than allow this to happen, Netanyahu will ditch some of the religious and rightist parts of his coalition, and seek a grand coalition with Labour. But to do so would bring him head-on into collision with that other great explosive question of Israel politics: what is the Jewish state for? Peace and prosperity might be adequate answers in almost any other country.

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### All that detritus we fill our heads with

o anyway, 1 just hap-pened to write the other day that Arthur Askey's catch-phrase was "Give him the money. Barney!" and the letters rolled in from all round the globe to point out that I had got it all wrong. It wasn't Arthur Askey at all. it was Wilfred Pickles, on his radio pro-

gramme Have a Go! Some of you were openly contemptuous of my mistake, some of you were quite kind and understanding, pretend-ing that I really knew the truth all along. And for those of you who haven't the faintest what this is all about a letter from a correspondent called Hilary Mackenzie will fill you in.

She says: "The catch-phrase came from Wilfred Pickles who hosted a rather dreadful cross between a quiz and a chatshow in the Forties, It was called Have a Go! and that in itself was a popular catchphrase. The programme bristled with them - eg 'What's on the table, Mabel?' referring to the glittering prizes available like a pair of fur gloves or 30 bob, and also the stunning question, 'Have you ever had

an embarrassing moment?" (this invariably to shy young women whose knicker elastic had failed them at solemn moments).

"My grandmother adored this stuff; my parents dismissed it as 'corny' (another dated word ). As a child, I saw it as yet another example of the daftness of grown-ups. But I've remember all the catchphrases! Isn't it maddening?" Yes. And the silly thing is that I knew perfectly well that

it was Wilfred Pickles who said "Give her the money. Barney!", and that Arthur Askey was someone quite different, someone whose catchphrases were "Helio play-mates!" and "I thang yeow!". He was also someone who made 78 rpm records of songs like "The Worm", "The Bee"

and "The Knitting Song", which my father had bought and got tired of, and which I thought were hilarious. Even these many years later I can remember whole chunks of these ditties, such as the opening of the "Knitting Song":

Some like football Some like dans



Miles Kington

I like knitting And the gentler arts Half a dozen needles. An ounce or two of wool. Fills my cup of happiness -Chock full ... l think I even saw Arthur

Askey on stage once, when I was a lad in the Fifties, and we always went to the local pan-tomime in Liverpool, which brings me miraculously to the next point on which I have been copiously corrected by readers. I said recently I had come across the word "jigger" in a Billy Bunter book, being used to mean "a bicycle" and I took the chance at the time of supplying an exhaustive list of other meanings of "jigger". But to Liverpudlian readers

handful have written to me to say that there was a peculiarly Scouse meaning of the word, referring to the lane running between back gardens of terraced houses. Janet Laming, new of Cam-

bridge, says: "When I was a child in Liverpool in the Forties and Fifties, streets of terraced houses often had a par-allel alley at the bottom of the backyards or gardens, giving pedestrian access to the house, I sometimes heard it said of a bandy-legged man that 'he couldn't stop a pig in a jigger. I never met a pig in a jigger, but the idea caught my imagination enough to have stayed with me."

A wonderful expression. and I shall try to adopt it. However, I was really hoping that someone would come up with other slang expressions for a bicycle except for jigger", as it seems odd that we have no demotic word for a bike apart from "bike". The only letter on the subject has come from Mr Paul Dillingham in far off Finland, who says that he was taught at

it was not exhaustive. Quite a Winchester in the Fifties that 'bogie" was a colloquial word for bicycle.

I have never heard of this. I do know, however, that in Scotland the word "bogle" means a ghost. Does this add anything to the richness of the debate? The answer, of

course, is that it does not. And that concludes this round-up of recent readers' points - except to say that I am impressed by a fax from Glasgow. bearing Gerry Dunne's nominations for a competition I mentioned for the Most Annoying Remarks in Daily

Not to put too fine a point

"Not so as you'd notice".
"A word's as good as a nod to a blind man". What's your problem.

"Cat got your tongue?".
"As I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted ... "Can I just run this by you?". How long is a piece of

To which I would just add, "I hear what you're saying" and "There you go then".

# Marching the ancient Orange road to nowhere

hen the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, David Trimble, offered the opinion yesterday that the Orange Order is no more sectarian in its outlook and social role than other Protestant organisations such as the Guides, my mind was suddenly suffused with a disturbingly congenial image of shiny-faced little girls in berets and ankle socks storming up Rossville Street waving light cudgels and squeaking at the top of tiny voices, "Kill the Fenian bastards!"

This was the slogan shouted, more gruffly, by ominous members of the Orange Order and the Apprentice Boys as they erupted into the Bog-side on 12 August 1969 with a view to putting manners on uppity "Fenians" who had dared to oppose the annual "Boys" parade along the edge of the overwhelmingly Catholic

areas in Derry.
In truth, while there was scarcely anyone in the Bogside who wasn't thoroughly opposed to the Apprentice Boys' march, only a minority had gone down to the bottom of Rossville Street to proclaim their hostility. But the incursion into the area of a rce of men with sashes around their necks and mayhem on their

Ulster's traditions are the problem not the solution, says Eamonn McCann

minds changed that in a twinkling.
The Bogside erupted. Two days
and nights of fighting followed. Efforts by the RUC to reimpose order on the area ended with members of the force literally falling down from exhaustion. On the afternoon of 14 August, men of the Prince of Wales Own Regiment, ordered in by the Home Secretary, James Callaghan, threw a barricade of barbed wire across the main exit/entrance between

the Bogside and the city centre. Thus did an Orange march trigger the events that led to Unionism's loss of local control over law and order. Unionist leaders have been striving without success to regain this ground ever since. They are determined at least not to have to give



David Trimble sports the colours

Their problem is that the ground has changed, not just in terms of sectarian demography - the Garvaghy Road in Portsdown (where David Trimble's massed forces demand to march) was "mixed" in 1969 but is now overwhelmingly Catholic - but also in terms of political balance and context.

the Catholic population, the more the internationalisation of the north-

remarkable growth in the size and self-confidence of the Catholic middle class, the economic shifts that have made southern Ireland a junior partner rather than a poor neighbour of Britain in Europe, the impoverishment of sections of the Protestant working class that could once look to the Orange lodge for The relative numerical growth in marginal advantage over Catholics.

ern conflict generally, all this had made the chances of the "Orange State" being reconstituted so remote as scarcely to be worth thinking

Except that there is little in the philosophy of Orangeism for its leaders to think about, David Trimhie and Ian Paisley are, of course, right when they say that their marches - all 2.500-plus of them annually - are "traditional". The marches have been the main means whereby Unionist leaders have symholised and celebrated the secondclass-citizenship not just of Catholics but of all who have dissented from the notion of "Protestant Ulster".

The Orange Order is not just a Protestant organisation. It is certainly not - despite the presumably well-meaning promotional efforts of the "cultural traditions" lobby - a harmless expression of "Protestant communal culture".

It is not Protestant but specifically and explicitly anti-Catholic. Catholics cannot join, of course.

A member who marries a Catholic or attends a Catholic religious service is liable to expulsion. In 1959. Phelim O'Neill, a Unionist MP, was expelled for attending a

Catholic mass in his constituency.
The function of the Order, and the significance of its penchant for parading, was well expressed by its own historian, the Rev John Brown, in the Sixties: "On 12 July and other occasions the Orangeman marched with his lodge behind its flags and

drums ... to show his strength in the

places where he thought it would do most good. Where you could walk' you were dominant and the other things followed." The tradition that the Orange marches represents is akin, then, to

the tradition that persisted until the late Sixties in the southern states of the US that black people should ride at the back of the bus, or the tradition still "honoured" in parts of the world today that husbands have a right to beat wives. It's all about walking over others.

In this perspective, the authenticity of the Orange tradition, far from providing a defence of the practices associated with it, rather testifies to the deep-rootedness of a social evil.

This is by no means a new insight. As far back as 1857, two barristers appointed by the Lord Lieutenant to investigate a horrendous outbreak of living in the Bogside district of Derry.

sectarian violence in Belfast on the previous 12 July, reported:

The Orange system seems to us to have no other practical result than as a means of keeping up the Orange festi-vals, and celebrating them, leading as they do to violence, outrage, religious animosities, hatred between classes (sic) and, too often, bloodshed and loss of life

We think it is well to consider whether there is any controlling necessity to keep it alive, notwithstanding the evils that, unfortunately, attend its existence."

Noting that it was "the lower orders" which seemed to do most of the fighting, suffering and even dying, they commented: "With them the war is a real one, personal suffering attends it with them, they are maimed in limb and rendered homeless by it. On them falls the misery of what brings advancement to the more exalted."

Not that, despite their best, or worst, efforts, there is real prospect of advancement for the leaders of Orangeism today. Or that any of them might properly be described as

Eamonn McCann is a journalist

# A man who would face both ways

Stephen Dorrell's dreams of leadership are apparent in his careful musings. But is he just all talk, asks Nicholas Timmins

away any more.

cartoonists' favourites. If he ever does, it will doubtless be the bags under his eyes on which they will focus. Right now, he has every right to have them. He has just completed his

first year as Secretary of State for Health. But in that time, aside from running one of the more demanding departments of state, Mr Dorrell has been working hard at his second job positioning himself for the Tory Party leadership battle to come if the Conservatives go down at the general election.

There have been some heir and so wringing wet that downsized managers of Middle even Julian Critchley once described him as "excessively moderate" has been sounding increasingly Euro-sceptic and a harder man on social policy than many had believed him to be. Education and health, he has said, should remain universal services. But the rest of the welfare state he has airily dismissed as "primarily designed to offer a safety net to those who are unable to provide for themselves." In the cause of this careful positioning, he has even attempted to reclaim Margaret Thatcher as a One Nation Tory.

He cannot be serious. How can he see Margaret Thatcher as a One Nation Tory on the NHS when it is on record that she didn't believe in it as a universalist service? Marvellous for the "great accidents" and "terrible diseases" – as she herself once put it - and necessary for the poor. But, according to Kenneth Clarke, her health secretary at the time, she believed for the rest that people "should take responsibility for their own lives and insure for these things".

Dorrell equivocates. "That

tephen Dorrell has yet may or may not be right," he to become one of the says. The point is that that is not what happened. As Secretary of State for Education, Mrs Thatcher delivered a universalist education service. And as prime minister, she continued provide a universalist NHS. What you have to judge people by," Dorrell avers, "is not the ideas they muse over but the conclusions they come to in ordered decision-making." This is an important sentence.

His own musings, these days, sound a fair way from what is usually seen as traditional One-Nation Toryism. To the right of Kenneth Clarke, for example, who has said the basic pension remarkable speeches. The man is a key part of the welfare state once seen as Peter Walker's and that the de-layered and England want not just good health and education but a modernised welfare system that will help them retrain and find new employment. If Dorrell is saying all the rest of the welfare state is merely a safety net, surely that implies reducing the remainder to means tests? He unhesitatingly agrees. "That's not the implication," he

says, "it's the assertion."
So he would means-test the basic state pension and child benefit? Caution enters here. The growth of private pensions means relatively few households rely only on the basic state pension. In that sense, therefore, it already is a safety net, although "we continue with the existing retirement pensions commitment".

What about child benefit? Would he favour means-testing it? He doesn't answer the question. Instead, he carefully repeats that the existing commitment "continues to be the commitment we are

So how about spending? It should come down, Dorrell says. But he won't indulge in a few critical NHS issues: emer-

the targets which the right has been bandying about. "I do think we can get it down," he says, "but I've never believed that setting a target as a new nirvana makes sense." Indeed, he argues: "It may be that the time will come when we conclude we have cut it far enough. But it doesn't seem to me that is in prospect yet."

The difference between musings and actions seems to come in here. Dorrell may be positioning himself better with the right in order to be a possible standard-bearer for the left perhaps a 45-year-old Dorrell against a 44-year-old Portillo if John Major loses next May.

To be a contender. Dorrell needs another good year, plus the public profile he has so far lacked but is beginning to acquire - both on his own account and at John Major's instigation. He is steadily becoming a Cabinet front man on issues well outside his departmental brief: last week. for example, on the constitution. On television, his open, reasoned, intellectual logic provides a friendlier Tory face to offset Brian Mawhinney's Rottweiler tendencies

At National Heritage, his first Cabinet post, he did not shine, never quite recovering from appearing miffed, initially, at not getting something more heavyweight. At health, he's become more of a star. He has defused some of the

heat around the NHS reforms by becoming a "a bureausceptic" - cutting away at the management costs the reforms have created. He has neatly finessed a potentially damaging confrontation with GPs into what may just become a constructive dialogue. The distinct flush of manager and civil servant in him - traits unusual in politicians - have focussed on not Dorrell, who has been



Dorrell, who will not ask for more funding for the floundering NHS because it would reflect badly on him and his party

Photograph: Edward Sykes

beds and mental health. There have been blips. Redrawing the sensible drinking guidelines into what critics dubbed "a boozer's charter" was not the cleverest thing to do in the middle of the Government's anti-drink-driving campaign at Christmas. And there has been BSF. But predictions at the time that mad cow disease would make or break him have proved wide of the mark. It is Douglas Hogg,

ency cover, intensive-care

The big outstanding question is whether in last year's spending round he won enough money for the NHS in this preelection year. It is, he accepts, not only tight, but "tighter than usual". But new services are still being developed and he doesn't anticipate a major expansion in waiting times. No, he says, he hasn't thought of going back for more money - and he doesn't intend to.

"I don't believe that way of managing anything makes sense. Of course it is true in every organisation in every walk

of life at any time in history that if you had a bit more you could do a bit more. But the job of those charged with managing something for a given period is to use the resources at their disposal to deliver the best service they can.'

It would reflect badly on the NHS, he says, if it had to go back for more cash. And badly on him? "Yes. It would mean we have made a mistake, and I don't believe that is true." And on that judgement, as much as any other, may ride Dorrell's

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# An election Tony Blair would best avoid

The leader, the party, and the country at large can only lose if a vote is held for the Shadow Cabinet

Consider this unconsciously revealing remark by Doug Hoyle, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, on the Today programme yesterday. Asked by James Naughtie whether the prospect of the Labour Party consuming itself over the summer and early autumn in the divisive internal politicking of a Shadow Cabinet election would not delight the Tory chairman Brian Mawhinney, Mr Hoyle replied, after various platitudes about getting Dr Mawhinney out of office: 'I'm afraid we don't run the Labour Party for Dr Mawhinney or anyone else."

OK. It was a slip. No doubt he didn't really intend to say it. Or if he did, he meant "or anyone else in the Conservative Party". And yet in those three little words all the introverted and esidual tribalism which 16 years of opposition have still failed quite to exinguish is laid bare. Whether or not the Parliamentary Labour Party breaks its hallowed traditions by not having annual elections this year, Mr Hoyle appears to be saying, is no one's business but its own. Perhaps not Tony Blair's and certainly not, even under a system which Mr Hoyle was adamant would decide who is and who isn't in

yours or mine.

It is our concern, of course, and we'll come to why in a moment. But even if it wasn't, it's easy to make a case, in the Labour Party's own interests, of why it would be crazy to consume many weeks in the run-up to a general election in a prolonged internal campaign for who should be in the Shadow Cabinet.

Many of those insistent on securing elections are motivated as much by the desire to punish as to bring on to the Shadow Cabinet a new and favoured candidate. But however sweet the vengeance in booting Harriet Harman (for sending her son to a grammar school) or Jack Straw (for trying to outflank Michael Howard on law and order) off the Shadow Cabinet, it doesn't require much imagination to see what the Tories will do with such

So much for Tony Blair's modernisation, they will say that November day when the Shadow Cabinet results come out: "Today we've seen the real Labour Party at work."

The second and more powerful argument is that it's a rotten system. owing a good deal more to vote-trading and arcane regional and personal alliances than merit or even ideology. would decide who is and with a second would decide who is also a second would decide who is and with a second would decide who is also also a second with a



DONALD MACINTYRE

astonished to be told by another that he could give him the votes of half a dozen of his own supporters if he could have six back in return. The Labour MP Tony Wright yesterday used the analogy of an England football team picked by all the clubs in the league. "That's exactly what happens here - the equivalent of saving you have my goalkeeper, we'll take your centre forward'." Whatever else may be going for the system, it has, apart from its capacity to elect the obvious stars, an almost built-in bias against picking the best man or woman for the

But essentially that's Labour's problem, and here Mr Hoyle has half a point. What should concern the rest of us is the much larger issue of whether the Shadow Cabinet, elected year's Shadow Cabinet elections was matically become the Cabinet on day Party history on his side if he decides certainly ought to be, irrelevant,

one of a new Labour government. to choose his own Cabinet from Day Standing Order E (1) of the PLP says that "on taking office as Prime Minister the Leader shall appoint as mem-bers of his Cabinet those who were about having to give "priority" - by convention rather than by rule - to his elected members of the Parliamentary Committee [ie the Shadow Cabinet] at the dissolution and retained their seats in the new Parliament."

The standard view among MPs is that this means Blair is saddled with reforms, it was assumed that a new the Shadow Cabinet if and when he Labour prime minister would be able takes office but can then reshuffle them within a few weeks if he chooses. On Day One, therefore, of the first Labout government for 17 years, the newspapers swell with glowing profiles of the new regime. Then a month later Blair considers whether to risk causing an earthquake in the new government by sacking (say) Michael Meacher, Tom Clarke and goodness knows how many others. This is scarcely sensible politics.

electorate than the Parliamentary Labour Party. Prime ministers, elected by their party and their country, are entrusted by the voters with the right to pick their own team. It's not an unwritten constitution of the country. What's more. Blair will have Labour

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for cancellation of this year's Shadow Cabinet elections, and with it the 1981 rule requiring him to appoint the entire Shadow Cabinet to his first real Cabinet. But if he can't do the latter now, he has every reason to ignore the rule or demand that it is changed And it matters to a much wider immediately he arrives in office.

Tony Blair hasn't declared his hand on whether there should be Shadow Cabinet elections this year, let alone on the taboo topic of Standing Order exaggeration to say it's part of the E(1). But the most pressing reason for not having the Shadow Cabinet elections is that they probably will be, and





### BUSINESS NEWS DESK: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2 UK's national debt doubles under Major

SARAH HELM and JOHN RENTOUL

The national debt has nearly doubled to £360bn since John Major became Prime Minster in November 1990, putting Britain in danger of breaching the Maastricht Treaty limits that it must meet next year to keep open the option of joining the

single European currency.
The Treasury's latest economic forecast, which will be published today, will show that because of higher-than-expected public sector borrowing Britain will struggle to meet the requirements on government borrowings and debt.

A shortfall in tax revenues has jeopardised repeated Government claims that it has done better than other European countries in getting borrowing on a downward path.

The Treasury will confirm that government borrowing will overshoot its targets this year by several billion pounds. And the PSBR target for 1997/98 is expected to be revised up by £5bn 7. to around £20bn, which corresponds to a deficit only slightly

**MATHEW HORSMAN** 

The long-awaited consolida-tion of the cable industry began in carnest yesterday, with the

news that General Cable was poised to acquire the 50 per cent of Yorkshire Cable Group it did not already own, in an all-share

The move is the first sign of

Large-scale consolidation since

n: and SBC Cablecomms, which

A had been expected to launch a

rapid consolidation in the cable

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ing on its stated strategy of shifting focus from the UK to

the fast-moving Asian cable

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""right deal at the right time".

tive, said the company would

iiii look at other acquisition targets,

"provided they enhanced share-holder value".

Analysts said yesterday that the current 15 operators were

The next high-profile change

likely to be reduced to just six

by the end of next year,

Philippe Galteau, chief execu-

com, said yesterday it was act-

General Cable, which owns

last year's merger of Telewest

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deal worth £160m.

£360bn of borrowings raises the danger of Maastricht Treaty rules on single currency being breached

below the 3 per cent of GDP limit set by the Maastricht

This would be more optimistic than the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which recently predicted a government borrowing shortfall equivalent to 3.5 per cent of GDP.

vised PSBR target of £27bn, this will take the national debt to over £360bn, twice the end-1990 level. The ratio of debt to GDP will rise above the current 54 per cent ratio, against the 60 per cent Maastricht ceiling.

The surge in government borrowing in the run-up to the

soaring National Debt. The hopes of pre-election tax cuts. European finance ministers, he level of debt fell to a trough of saying they should be made only if public borrowing was firmly to cut taxes was being limited having declined since 1988. The shortfall between government spending and revenues amounted to £187bn between

1991 and 1995. 1992 election, compounded by of the Exchequer, yesterday the recession, account for the attempted to dampen down of the Exchequer, yesterday

and petroleum - was the low-

output price inflation fell to 2

per cent, returning to the mid-

under control.

Mr Clarke said in Brussels: "The overwhelming - the vast majority - of Conservative backbenchers only want tax Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor cuts if they are consistent with control of public spending." Speaking after a meeting of warning Britain to avoid tax cuts

sures." a Treasury spokesman

the same level as a year earlier.

by Brussels, which is pressing Britain to maintain tighter control of borrowing in the run-up

to the single currency. The EU finance ministers vesterday received a report from their monetary committee

if it wanted to keep open the option of joining monetary union, which means observing the strict Maastricht Treaty rules.

Mr Clarke took the committee's advice in his stride, saying: "Its recommendations are cutirely in line with our policy. It is not telling me anything I do not know already or that I do

might well fall for the remain-

der of this year, said Adam

Cole at brokers James Capel.

look for prices. The com-bination of falling materials

costs and weak demand is ex-

pected to keep factory gate in-

flation low.

That bodes well for the out-

"The Government has been looking at this for two years. It is now time they came up with an answer." Seizing on Mr Clarke's admission at the weekend that "my boffins got their estimates wrong", he said that in total. public burrowing had been £44hn higher than was forecast in the pre-election Budget.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, vesterday called for

the Treasury's "wise persons" to

carry out an independent as-sessment of the "black hole" in

Speaking ahead of today's re-

vised economic forecast from

Mr Clarke, Mr Brown said

the Government's finances.

This meant interest rates were higher than they would otherwise be, he said. Treasury officials recently

admitted they were "haffled" by the £7hn shortfall in tax of enues last year, about half of which was accounted for by at unexpected undershoot in VAT revenues. Corporation tax was also £2bn lower than forecast. which Mr Brown said strength ened his argument for a windfall levy on the privatised

#### that manufacturing output was flat in May, while both the cost of materials and prices charged at the factory gate declined last month. The latest evidence of the stagnation in manufacturing came on the eve of publication of the Treasury's summer fore-

DIANE COYLE

Yorkshire

**Economics Editor** 

The path to a further cut in interest rates was cleared yesterday by figures showing

cast, which will make it clear that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's leeway for tax cuts in the next Budget will be tiny. Many City economists believe the Chancellor will exploit the window of opportunity to reduce the cost of borrowing.

"He has the luck of the devil with the figures," said David Hillier, an economist at BZW, predicting a further reduction in base rates when Mr Clarke meets the Governor of the Bank of England at the end of this month.

1994 trough and the lowest since the 1960s. Food and drink, tertiles and engineering output all ad-The 1.3 per cent June drop in the cost of materials was the biggest since September 1993. The year-on-year decline of 4.8 est rates of producer price inper cent in "core" costs - ex-

cluding food, drink, tobacco evidence of input price pres-

Stagnant manufacturing bodes well for prices

est figure since the mid-1980s. said. Prices that manufacturers charged at the factory gate fell in June for the second month running, declining 0.2 per cent compared with May, "Core"

engineering output all ad-"These are some of the lowvanced during the latest three months. flation in a decade, with no A surge in energy use due to

Yet manufacturing output was flat in May despite price discounting. Although 0.3 per cent higher in the three months to May compared with the previous three, it remained at

dustrial output 1.4 per cent higher than a year earlier. Total output has risen 0.5 per cent in the latest three months. Pessimists think industry will spend the rest of the year clear-

the cold weather took total in-

"This should act as a power-ful force to ensure that the Government's inflation target is achieved during the first half of ing the overhang of unsold 1997." predicted David Walton stocks on the warehouse at Goldman Sachs. shelves, "Manufacturing output

### Airbus agrees key shake-up

MICHAEL HARRISON

Airbus Industrie, the four-nation European aircraft manufacturer, yesterday agreed to the most fundamental restructuring in its 26-year history by announcing that it is to become a single corporate entity by 1999.

The decision means that it will abandon its status as a Groupement d'Interet Economique, whereby the four companies in the consortium act as work-sharing partners, and move instead to full commercial status with Airbus operating as a public limited company with

its own assets and equity. The eventual aim is a global flotation so that Airbus can raise finance on the capital markets for new projects such as the proposed 600-seater super-Jumbo, h would cost at

to develop. After a meeting of the Airbus supervisory board in Paris vesterday, the four partners -British Aerospace, Aerospa-tiale of France, Daimler Benz of Germany and CASA of Spain - said they would start neeotiations immediately with the aim of reaching a binding agreement on the change of status by the end of this year.

There remain, however, huge obstacles to overcome, not least

ners put into the new Airbus and how they are valued. BAe has a 20 per cent stake compared to 38 per cent for the German and French partners and 4 per cent for the Spanish. BAe will argue that because

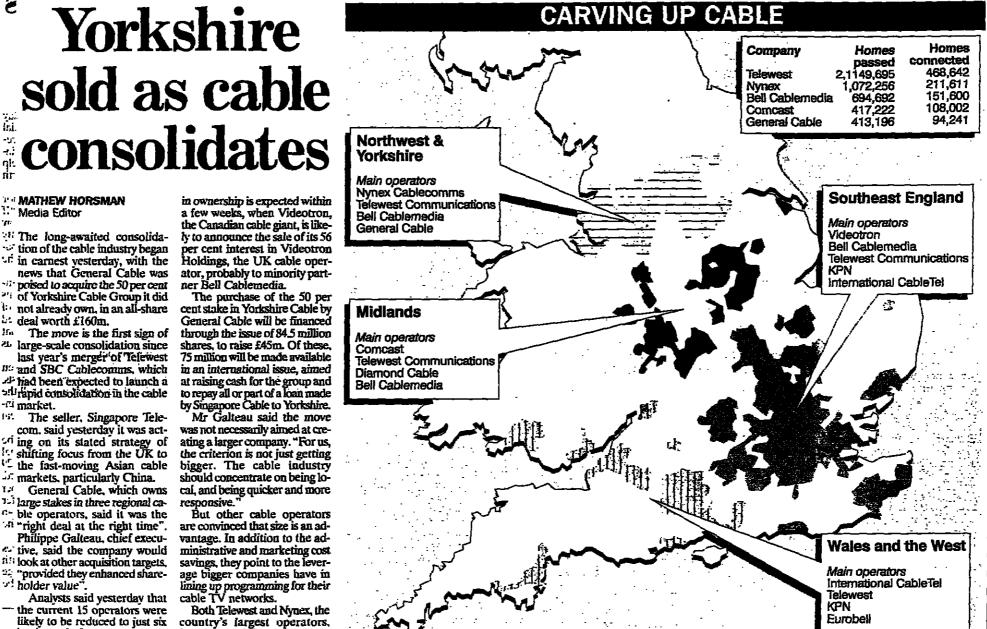
the assets each of the four part-

the assets it is contributing are more profitable than those of either the French or the Germans. it should receive some financial compensation. BAe could be due as much as £500m from the three other partners. Negotiations on the equity

split are likely to dominate the next six months. The end of this year deadline set by Airbus for agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding may prove hopelessly optimistic. Airbus has been pondering an

overhaul of its structure - wideregarded as cumbersome and inefficient - for the best part of a decade but has always been held back by political friction and the differing philosophies of the four sponsor governments.

The consortium was set up in 1970 effectively as a marketing organisation with workshares divided up according to the stakes each partner holds. Converting to a plc would allow Airbus to contract out to the most competitive bidder.



# Investors targeted in fraud boom

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

The pick up in the economy is leading to a boom in frauds against small private investors, the Serious Fraud Office warned yesterday.

The SFO has seen the number of large-scale investment frauds under investigation rise by more than 40 per cent, from 14 to 20 over the last year.

George Staple, the SFO director, warned investors to be on their guard, to check who they are dealing with and to take independent advice before parting with their money.
Including other smaller cas-

es that now go to the SFO in-stead of the Crown Prosecution Service as a result of a change of Government policy, the total of investment frauds in the SFO

workload is now 29. Tougher City regulation is also driving the illeged fraudsters into unregulated areas, such as ostrich farming, where the absence of a financial watchdog makes it

have secured long-term con-

tracts with BSkyB.

easier for them to operate. Mr Staple said: "As the economy strengthens, there is more money available for investment schemes, some of which are going to be fraudulent." The SFO's annual report also

reveals that Mr Staple has not dropped inquiries into the Barings affair, despite his refusal to press for the extradition of Nick Leeson while he was in Germany.
The report says: "We are carefully considering whether

grounds exist for further criminal inquiries into other as-pects of the case in England." The SFO is believed to be keeping a close eye on the in-

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quiry into Barings by the Commons Treasury Select Committee, where one witness, Ron Baker, used parliamentary privilege to make public accusations of a cover-up by named former colleagues. It is also on the alert for any new evidence from Singapore. The watching brief is not thought to be aimed at prosecuting Mr Leeson when he returns from his six-year

Mr Staple's report also makes clear that he has not dropped another high-profile case, that against Asil Nadir, the former Polly Peck head who is now in northern Cyprus. "A warrant has been issued for his arrest and we are ready to proceed with the prosecution against him when he returns or is returned to the jurisdiction," says the SFO. The total case book rose from

prison sentence.

Grand Metropolitan 440

52 in April 1995 to 70 at the end of March, and the money involved has risen £1bn to £3bn over the last year. Further cases, including Sumitomo, have

since raised the number to 77. In 10 out of 11 SFO trials during the year the principal defendants were convicted - the odd one out being the high-profile Maxwell trial.

The rise in case load is partdue to the threshold for an SFO inquiry being lowered to £1m from £5m. But Mr Staple's budget has fallen £600,000 this year to £10.1m and he said he was pressing for a switch of funds from the CPS to the SFO.

The report discloses that the SFO issued 83 section two notices last year on behalf of 15 foreign investigatory bodies under new powers to help fight international fraud.

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# £670,00 South West pay-off under fire

The former managing director of South West Water, Bill Fraser, quit the company earlier this year with a pay-off worth £670,000, it emerged yesterday, writes Michael Harrison.

The compensation deal, together with £224,000 in salary and pension benefits, brought his total payments last year to just under £900,000. Ian McCartney. Labour's em-

ployment spokesman, immediately attacked the "ridiculous lottery-style pay-out, saying it showed the need for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities. "This money should be getting

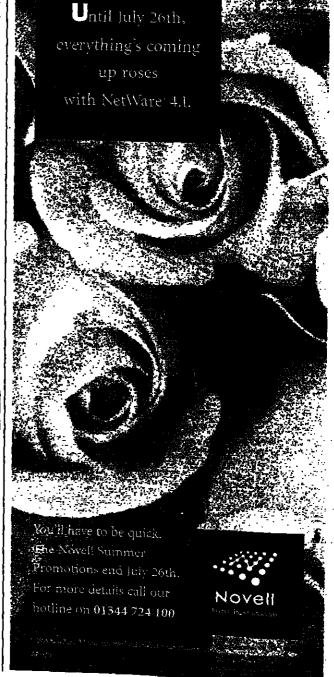
our youngsters into jobs, not padding out the pockets of utility fat cats," he added. "There should be an urgent inquiry into these payments by the regulator."

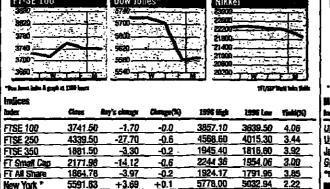
South West, which is facing two hostile takeover bids from rival water companies, said Mr Fraser received compensation for loss of office of £336,000. The 1996 report and accounts show that he is also entitled to cash in 116,000 share options showing a paper profit of £284,000. In addition he is recciving a £50,000, 12-month consultancy fee from South West for "access to his international major capital pro-

jects experience".
Mr Fraser joined South West in 1990 a year after privatisation and left in February. The com-pany got into trouble last summer after water supplied to the Torbay area was found to contain a bug which made it unfit for human consumption.

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# A lack of vision is blighting corporate Britain

be part of it. No, this is not going to be another rant about executive pay and perks but it is about that other great bug bear - short termism, lack of imagination, lack of strategy, lack of vision, lack of anything very much at all among the time servers of the British boardroom. This is not necessarily the fault of the new generation of cost cutting, rationalising, downsizing, managers, for vision is the last thing the City seems to expect or want of them these days. Nonetheless, they have become part of it. So much so that they new scarcely seem to know any better.

The fact that Guinness could have thought merging with Grand Metropolitan even remotely possible, let alone desirable, is just the latest evidence of sickness at the heart of our major companies. Has Guinness, and its beleaguered chairman. Tony Greener, taken leave of their senses? What could Britain possibly have to gain by allowing its two major liquor companies to merge, apart, that is, from a bit of short lived shareholder value for investors in Guinness? Even that is questionable enough, and yet Guinness allowed this ludierous idea to reach the stage of fully fledged proposal from its lead City adviser. Lazard Brothers.

Now ofcourse it is the ease that fee hungry merchant bankers are always on the

There is something rotten at the core of | merchant banker doesn't amount to a plan corporate Britain and, yes, the City may of action for the company itself. Furthermore, all big companies dream of acquiring their major competitor. Put together the best and the second best and what a team you would create, most executives have wildly imagined at some stage in their careers. But it doesn't work in football nor does it work in business. Put together the best and the second best and you generally end up with, well, the best minus the second best. And that's if you are lucky.

Guinness would have gone through the following thought process before finally rejecting this absurd proposal. How could ve possibly persuade the Government to back a merger that would give us more than half the British liquor industry? Answer; Britain needs a national liquor champion, capable of competing with the best in the world on the international stage. So what if domestic competition is harmed a bit, it will make us that much more competitive internationally,

What nonsense. Unfortunately this has become a lamentably familiar justification for fundamentally harmful corporate empire building across a whole range of dif-ferent industries. Most of us bought it to begin with, but like the connected concept of corporate globalisation, it begins to look more flawed with every deal. This is espelookout for a good wheeze that might generate lucrative business. A proposal from a Britain is already a highly successful interna-

fional player with three of the top five companies in the world. The idea that one should be allowed to takeover one of the others because it has run out of ideas on what else to do could only really happen in

Guinness has a very real problem of where to go from here. Its shares have underperformed by an appalling margin in recent years, not because it is an unsuccessful company, but because it has run out steam and has no obvious way of stoking up the fire. Furthermore, it has an awkward shareholder, in the shape of Bernard Arnault of France, more keen than most to see some short term return on his money.

But this is not the way, nor is it the way for most British companies. Long term shareholders - and the City is meant to be full of them these days – ultimately gain very little from consolidating mergers. Managements need to be persuaded to come up with long term objectives and targets, then they need to backed with a degree of patience and commitment that is capable of ignoring even a lengthy blip in the share

That's the real way forward and although it may seem like a naive dream, it's a good sight less naive than the investor who continues to think that acquisition strategy is a reasonable substitute for hard graft, vision and a proper sense of business purpose and

Cimon Lewis, the newly named director Of corporate affairs for British Gas Energy, is variously described as suave, arrogant, politically ambitious and tall, though not necessarily in that order. He is also presumably very nicely off thank you, having been tempted away from the top PR job at Nat West to join the gasmen.

With his arrival in September, British Gas will be full of more spin doctors than you can shake a stick at, though so far the weight of numbers does not seem to have helped very much. The distinction for Mr Lewis is that he will have to earn his crust since the words poisoned and chalice might have been invented for the role he is taking on.

If and when British Gas is demerged. BGE will be the poor relation to the pipeline business TransCo. It will not make much money, it will not pay any dividends, and it may not make it into the Footsie. What it will have is £40bn of liabilities in the shape of British Gas's North Sea take-orpay contracts and a declining market share as the domestic gas business is opened to full competiton from 1998. We do not know exactly what Mr Lewis will earn since he will not be on the board and his salary will not therefore be disclosable. But it is entirely appropriate that he be paid a king's ransom since, as is so often the case, the scale of his task is likely to run in inverse proportion to the prospects for the company.

Mr Lewis says he was drawn by the

excitement and challenge. That either sug-gests he will bring to the job the sure-foot-edness that British Gas's PR has long cried out for or that he is labouring under a massive misapprehension.

Sam Chisholm at BSkyB and his after ego at News Corp. Rupert Murdoch, are hardly the types to sit back and let the grass grow under their feet. With the original push into continental European digital TV via a joint venture with Bertelsmann among others now all but dead and buried, they've hot footed it to the competition, the Bavarian media tycoon Leo Kirch.

they are hoping it will, BSkyB ends up with they are hoping it will, BSkyB ends up with 49 per cent of Kirch's digital enterprise plus an option to take 25 per cent of his sports channel, which has just clinched rights to the World Cup. No money changes hands for the time being but Sky is required to put up an unspecied proportion of the development capital. This is high risk stuff, a bit like Sky itself in the early years, but it does do itself in the early years, but it does demon-strate both a determination and an ability to move beyond the narrow confines of domestic franchise. Though ageing and nearly blind, Mr Kirch cuts a powerful figure on the German media scene. A close friendship and association with Chancellor Kohl makes him argueably a better ally than Bertels-mann's Michael Dornemann, BSkyB looks like confounding the sceptics yet again.

# Sky links up with owner of television rights to World Cup

MATHEW HORSMAN

Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB yesterday pulled a digital TV deal from the ashes of its failed alfiance with Bertelsmann, confirming a high-stakes venture with Bavarian mogul Leo Kirch to launch digital TV in Germany later this month

The new alliance, which leaves Bertelsmann and Canal Plus, Sky's former partners, out in the cold for now, will see Murdoch join forces with the owner of the broadcast rights to 15,000 movies and 50,000 hours of television, along with the exclusive rights to the World Cup of football in 2002 and 2006.

Sky sources reported yesterhands, and stressed that the Kirch Group will manage the digital platform in Germany. However, BSkyB will jointly finance the launch, scheduled for 28 July, and will provide transponder space on an Astra satellite and marketing and programming expertise.

The deal will see BSkyB take up to 49 per cent of DF1, Kirch's digital platform in Germany. Sky is also angling for a 25 per cent stake in DSF,

tive of BSkyB, said. "This is a major step forward in the new television world."

It is understood that the negotiations leading to yester- of a digital platform in Gerday's announcement were many. started within the past month. and that both sides were eager to reach a deal.

direct threat to Bertelsmann, the German media giant, which late last week finalised its controversial deal with CLT to merge the two companies' television assets. That arrangement helped scupper the grand panEuropean alliance grouping Sky, Havas, Bertelsmann and Canal Plus, the French pay-TV giant, earlier this year.

Canal Plus had been upset at digital TV market in France, and questioned why Bertelsmann, an alliance partner, would back the rival company. Mr Murdoch, for his part, was concerned about what Sky insiders have called "foot drag-ging" on the part of Bertelsmann in the preparation

of the four-way alliance. BSkyB confirmed yesterday that it had "withdrawn from the proposed agreement" with Canal Plus, Bertelsmann, and Kirch's sports channel.

Sam Chisholm, chief execu
Company. However, the com-

pany said that both Kirch and BSkyB "are prepared to admit other participants which bring strategic value to the project

It is understood that the German digital joint venture, which will feature 17 channels of The new alliance could be a mostly German-language programming, will have no affect on Sky's own digital plans in the UK. BSkyB has promised to launch a digital satellite service with up to 200 channels by the end of next year.

Gottfried Zmeck, chief ex-ecutive of DFI. said: "With BSkyB, we have a partner who will enhance the development of our digital pplatform in Germany with its experience as television operator.

Media analysts said vesterday that the Kirch digital network had an advantage over other potential competitors because of Mr Kirch's control of programme rights.

"He has an ironclad grip on the programming rights in Germany," said one senior industry source.

With partners ISL, the marketing company, Kirch last week promised \$2.2bn for the rights to the World Cup events in 2002 and 2006. It is under-



High stakes: Leo Kirsh has broadcast rights to 15,000 movies, 50,000 hours of TV and rights to the World Cup

stood that BSky intends to ne- commercial channel SAT1, 25 for two digital services in Ger- mainstream TV operations in gotiate for UK rights to at least some of the matches, and is expected to have a better chance of securing a deal following the announcement of the German

Sky sources indicated that the alliance with Kirch could be exper cent of Premier, the analogue pay-TV service, and 10 per cent of Mediaset, Silvio Berlusconi's media conglomerate.

Bertelsmann, which has a long-term strategic alliance with Canal Plus, may yet join the Murdoch-Kirch platform, analysts said last night. They quespanded in other parts of Eu-rope. Kirch has 43 per cent of tioned whether there was room CLT, which brings together the year 2004.

many, where just 3 per cent of homes now subscribes to pay-TV, compared to about 25 per

cent of British homes. Bertelsmann has said it would launch its own digital platform, using a competing technology, by the end of the

Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium. Luxembourg, Britain and France, may end up focusing on terrestrial TV. The battle for the German market is the first stage in a wider war to dominate the European pay-TV sector. It is estimated as many as 33 mil-lion homes could subscribe by

#### **BoS** says predators will fail

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Bank of Scotland yesterday made clear that any potential predator would be firmly rebuffed, as it began a two-week international roadshow to help Standard Life sell £840m worth of its shares to institutions.

Sir Bruce Pattullo, Governor of Bank of Scotland, said: "If there is a predator they know they are going to have a pretty hostile fight and that it's probably not worth it at the end of the

When Standard Life announced it was selling most of its 31.5 per cent stake in Bank of Scotland Sir Bruce reacted angrily to the surprise news that his major shareholder was

But the hatchet has now been buried. After Sir Bruce's protests, Standard agreed not to sell the vestor or through a bought deal by an investment bank.

Instead they are to be marketed in an international offer by BZW, which is selling 29 per cent of the bank for Standard, which is keeping another 2.5 per cent as an investment. The offer of 351 million shares includes 46 million to be used to stabilise the market.

BZW is to allocate the shares according to price but with special preference for large investing institutions that will be long-term holders.

### Hanson hits seven-year low in run up to drastic autumn demergers

PATRICK TOOHER

Hanson's shares hit a seven-year Now vesterday after the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate unveiled accounting changes that cut the value of its coal and mineral reserves by almost £3ba and knocked £70m a year off profits at its Peabody The company, which is in the throes of splitting itself into

four separately quoted firms, said the asset write-downs would not affect operational cash flow or future dividend policy. However. Hanson's shares came under renewed selling pressure within minutes of the

news and dipped to 166.5p. And despite staging a recovery later in the session, the shares still closed at the seven-year low – 171.5p, down 0.5p. The shares have been in the doldrums ever since Lord Han-

son stunned the City earlier this year with his break-up plan. Commenting on the share price weakness. Hanson vicechairman Christopher Collins said: "The market hasn't yet seen full information about the Thew companies, It has caused some uncertainty and there has been some selling by yield

funds. In a demerger update, Hanson said it remained on track to spin off its Millennium Chemicals and Imperial Tobacco units in Oc-nerstone construction and tober, while unbundling the new energy company, to be called The Energy Group pic, should be completed in January 1997, That will leave a Hanson "rump" to fo-

cus on building materials. Hanson said Peabody's op-



Lord Hanson: Four-way split plans stunned the City

year lower due to changes in the a small reduction in future deaccounting treatment of provisions for coal-related illness and environment funds. Future payments due to the US Federal Coal Industry Black Lung and Abandoned Mined Land Funds total £1.2bn. Under the new accounting policy, payments will be recognised as laxes and treated as a revenue charge based on production volumes, in line US coal company practice.

In turn the book value of mineral reserves for Hanson's corslashed by £2.3bn to £1.3bn while the value of coal reserves at Peabody has been cut by £600m to £1.50m.

Hanson said both reductions

erating profits will be £70m a tional cash flow but will cause pletion charges and a consequent small increase in profit.

The Anglo-American conglomerate added that elearance had been given by the Inland Revenue for the demerger of its chemical and tobacco units to be tax-free for shareholders. US counsel also advised a similar scenario for American investors.

Hanson also disclosed that fees payable to financial advisers involved in the demerger. which include Rothschilds and Hoare Govett, are expected to be less than £30m.

A series of shareholder roadshows in the US and Britain to drum up institutional interest is planned for September before the first demergers occur the fol-"will have no impact on opera- lowing month.

 A total of 240,000 small investors have so far applied for £500mworth of shares in the nuclear generator British Energy, making the public offer almost fully subscribed, the Government's advisers said yesterday. A third of the shares in the offer are being held back for the public, although this may be increased to 50 per cent if demand proves strong. The level of interest in British Energy is running 10 per cent above that for Railtrack which closed more than three-times subscribed. The deadline for applications in the public offer is noon tomorrow while the international offer, which will set the price of the fully-paid shares, closes Friday.

 Unigate, the dairies to road transport group, said it was still looking for a large acquisition after it announced the £77.3m pur-chase of the European margarines and spreads business of Kraft. part of Philip Morris of the US. The latest buy, which includes the Vitalite and Golden Churn brands, will raise its share of the UK market from 14.2 per cent to 25.3 per cent, still some way short of the 44.6 per cent held by Unilever's Van den Bergh off-shoot. Unigate said there would be cost savings from integrating the Kraft businesses with the existing St Ivel operation.

• Dairy Crest revealed that its chairman, Michael Dowdall, is entitled to a bonus of £50,000 on the company obtaining a stock market listing before next April. The former marketing arm of the old Milk Marketing Board is coming to market next month. Mr Dowdall, who also chairs Geest, is paid a basic salary of £132,613 and will be entitled to share options worth four-times that for and will be entitled to share options worth four-times that figure. Chief executive John Houliston receives a basic salary of £232,000 plus bonus.

 Dorling Kindersley, the print and electronic publisher, announced the departure of John Sargent, its US chief executive, who is joining St. Martin's Press, a subsidiary of US publishing giant Macmillan. A spokesman said: "He is an excellent executive, and we are sorry to see him go." He added that Mr Sargent, whose parents were both in publishing, had long wanted to return to a 'traditional" company. DK has asked headhunters to begin the search for a replacement. Shares lost 14p to 573p on the news.

 Electronic Retailing Systems, a supplier of electronic shelf labelling systems, is to become the first company quoted on the US Nasdaq exchange to obtain a listing on the UK's Alternative Investment Market. The Connecticut-based group is raising £7.7m in two placings which will capitalise the company at £30.5m when the shares start trading on 11 July. The company supplies liquid crystal pricing displays for supermarkets which replace paper price tags and provide for price changes to be effected centrally.

• Somerfield's prospectus due out later this week is expected to show a price range for its stock market flotation of between £520m-£570m. The supermarket group will also provide more details about its financial performance. In the year to 27 April 1996 operating profits rose by 43 per cent to £110.5m.

 Allders' sales in the nine weeks to 39 June were 21 per cent ahead of last year and 13 per cent up on a like-for-like basis. Shareholders approved the proposed £160m sale of Aliders International, the duty free shops business, to Nuance International Holding, a subsidiary of SwissAir.

#### HAVE A HEART - SEND A PICTURE

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### Tomkins set to unlock Gates

Tomkins, which embraces everything from bread to petrochemical valves, has stuck doggedly to its conglomerate roots, despite the ending of the City's love affair with the sector. It has been rewarded with a share price which has underperformed the rest of the market for five long years. Although it may be too early to call a change in sentiment. there are straws in the wind which look

more hopeful than for some time. Chief among those is perhaps the po-tential of Gates, the world's leading maker of automotive belts and hoses. for which Tomkins is paying \$1.36bn. After six months waiting for the various approvals, that deal is set to go through at the end of July, giving Tomkins chairman Greg Hutchings and his team the green light for a classic revitalisation job.

Profits at Gates have doubled to £40.3m in the past three years, but margins are well under Tomkins' level. While there has been plenty of investment at the operating end of the business, paternalistic management has left "mom and pop store" reporting systems and lax balance sheet controls. Installing Tomkins' tight controls should provide an immediate boost to margins by weeding out unprofitable lines, while the company talks ambitiously of savings of around £250m from tightening up working capital, particularly stock, at Gates.

That cash flow will come in handy as Tomkins develops the existing product base and expands into new areas. However, Mr Hutchings and his team still have to convince the City. Judging by yesterday's nigoardly 3p rise in the share price to 251p, the market, at least, has grown bored with Tomkins' consistent earnings record. The group unveiled pre-tax profits increased by 6.6 per cent to £323m in the year to 27 April, which fed through to earnings per share growth of similar order. The results casily beat the company's forecast in May and mean Tomkins' average annual average earnings increase has outperformed the UK average by nearly 24 percentage points over the past 12 years.

The figures were held back by the par-ticularly severe and prolonged US winter, which cut sales of Murray lawrimowers by a quarter in the peak season of March and April. Operating profits from the professional, garden and leisure division slumped 24 per cent, but some of that should be made up.

The potential for Gates was again reflected in the bread and food divisions which represent the old Ranks Hovis McDougall acquired in 1992. Margins have been raised 30 per cent and around £200m has been invested from cash squeezed out of the business.

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Tomkins: at a glance

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cluding Gates, putting the shares on a prospective p/e of 12. Good value, with a share buy-back in prospect to boot.

#### Low & Bonar wraps up profits

Low & Bonar, the packaging group, stands out in a sector strewn with highprofile casualties of the volatile raw material price cycle. While investors in. Rexam, De La Rue and Ario Wiggins nurse losses incurred from a series of profit warnings, shares in the Dundee-based packager have continued an impressive run that has seen them almost quadruple in value in the last five years.

New chief executive Jim Heilig, who succeeded Jim Leng in October, can justifiably boast that latest interim results "underline our success in concentrating on profitable niches within our packaging, plastics and specialist materials business and our strategy of balancing our group over a number of mouldings supplier, for \$31m earlier

Five year record

Dividends per share (pence)

Operating profit

Pre-tax profits (£m)

by activity, £m

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With order books rising, profits at Tomkins should hit £425m this year, inbroad geographic mix between Europe and north America has also helped.

In the six months to May, pre-tax profits edged 6 per cent higher to £26.2m on sales 4 per cent down at £21.1m, depressed by lower raw material costs. More significantly, margins continued on their upward path, rising from 11.7 per cent to 13 per cent. Earnings per share rose by a tenth to 18.43p, helped by the purchase last year of a 21 per cent US minority holding. The results were struck in what Mr

Heilig terms "challenging market con-ditions". In general, Low & Bonar was under pressure to pass on lower raw material prices. In particular, it had a tough time in the US, where packaging margins slipped as exceptionally bad winter weather held back cement sack sales to the construction industry.

Given a strong balance sheet gearing is just 10 per cent - acquisitions are very much on Mr Heilig's mind. His appetite for expanding into higher-margin plastic and speciality materials businesses remains, despite Bonar's failure to buy Rotonics, a US plastic

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this year. The deal would have doubled US earnings, but fell through when Ro-tonics claimed to have found a third party willing to pay more. Mr Heilig has yet to establish who the mystery

bidder was and lawyers are on the case. Francesca Raleigh at broker Pannure Gordon sticks with her full-year forecast of £57m, implying a sub-market multiple of 13, with the shares down 3p at 529p. A core holding in the sector.

#### **Kenwood loses** its market veneer

Kenwood Appliances, whose former chief executive Tim Parker left last year to run C & J Clark, remains a name to conjure with in the field of kitchen appliances. Sadly, the brand has lost its tarnish with the stock market. Floated at 285p four years ago, the shares have spent most of the past 18 months below their issue price and today languish at 210p, up Ip yesterday.

founded. The figures were at the bottom of the range and Ariete's first full year was a pretty mixed bag, with very strong first-half sales falling away in the important second half, which includes Christmas, and plummeting by 23 per cent in the final quarter. Meanwhile, the UK remained difficult for much of the year, although there were signs of improvement nearer the end of the period.

One bright spot was the Mizushi start-up Italian air-conditioning operation, which had a storming first year that may eventually help offset some of the difficulties at Ariete. But this year looks like being another year of consolidation.

ucts which should help counter pres-sure on pricing, while it is moving some manufacturing to a low cost factory in China. But a rising tax charge will slow earnings growth in 1996/97. Profits of around £17.5m would put the shares on a forward multiple of just 9. Sentiment will not be improved by talk yesterday of another paper-funded acquisition, possibly in the US.

The company has been squeezed by sluggish consumer spending, high raw material prices and competition from the Far East. But Kenwood's fall from grace mainly stemmed from the rights funded acquisition of Ariete, an Italian

appliance maker, in November 1994.
Yesterday's results for the year to 4
April, showing pre-tax profits up by 16
per cent to £15.6m, suggests that at least
some of the market's doubts were well

Kenwood is developing new prod-

# Saddling motorists with striking right balance

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

"Get on yer bike!" This is the message from the Government to British business with the launch of its national Cycling Strategy this week, which calls for a quadrupling in cycle use over the next 15

A group of companies in northern Bristol have already pedalled ahead of the pack with their own Project Bike. US computer giant Hewlett Packard, British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce have signed up to Project Bike, which is dedicated to increasing the number of people cycling to work. Peter Andrews, co-ordinator, says: "Lots of new companies are signing up here, and it will be a night-

mare if everyone drives." Hewlett Packard is the Project's star, with over 10 per cent of its 1,400 staff pedalling in every day against the national average of 2-3 per cent. And Hewlett's in-house bicycle

user group, or "BUG", is keeping the pressure on re-calcitrant drivers.

Richard Purdey, chairman of Merrydown, is also a scion of the Purdey family which makes top-notch shotguns. Mr Purdey recalled yesterday that, when IDV launched the Purdey brand of fruit drinks five years ago, he wrote to the gun company suggesting that they ask for royalties.
"I'm afraid it was all a fantasy," Mr Purdey lamented.
"There's no trademark pro-

tection for the name." I personally always associated Purdey with the New Avengers character played

Lively scenes at yesterday's press conference to herald Stan-

dard Life's sale of its stake in Bank of Scotland. As journal-

ists descended on the presentation, lawyers for Standard Life

insisted that two writers be excluded - both from the FT. The

company's reason was that the FT is published in the US, and

under American securities regulations Standard Life would be

unable to talk to the FT journalists on the record. To their

credit. George Graham, the banking correspondent, and a

chap from the Lex column marched resolutely in. Will the

American side of the sale now be pulled? Watch this space.

On yer bikes: Newer models are no doubt easier to use

adds.

by the delectable Joanna Lumley.

Hanson has found that dreaming up new corporate names can be tricky as well. Now that Hanson is splitting into four new separately quoted companies, it needs a name for the energy division which includes Eastern

Electricity. Christopher Collins, Hanson vice-chairman, says that it has taken several weeks to settle on a name, since the first choice, Energy Resources, was found to have been taken already by an Australian company. They ended up with The Energy Group, which Mr Collins insists has the virtue of simplicity - it tells you what the company does. Its also a bit flat - hopefully, unlike the company's growth prospects.

Tomkins has compensated with booming sales of snow blowers, noisy contraptions much beloved of Americans because they blow all the snow on your front path into your neighbour's garden. Such was the demand last winter that one blower was highjacked in New York.

Greg Hutchings, chief execu-tive of Tomkins, explains that the company's sales of lawn

mowers in the US were hit

by bad winter weather which

extended into the spring, the

peak season for buying Mur-

ray mowers. There is a silver

lining though, Mr Hutchings

Jim Heilig, chief executive at Scottish packager Low & Bonar, says his company was also hit by the severe US winter with a fall-off in demand for sacks, cement bags, glass seed bags and the like but saw much higher demand for salt and grit bags to deal with America's snowed-up roads.

At the very least there seems to be a growth market in silver linings. Astronomers are currently reporting that sun spot activity is at a 30year high. It all fits.

### ITN sale ends seven-year hitch

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Media giants Granada and Carlton finally complied yesterday with Government ownership regulations, selling an excess 12 per cent shareholding in ITN, the national news service that makes News at Ten, to Lord Hollick's United News &

The deal, which values ITN at £106m, brings Carlton and Granada's stake in the company to 20 per cent each and United's to 17 per cent.

United, owner of the Anglia and Meridian ITV franchises, as

well as Express newspapers, already owned 5 per cent of

The announcement ends a seven-year saga at ITN, which has been the subject of negotiations, shifting alliances and bitter battles among leading ITV companies who take the ITN news service.

seven-year controversy surrounding ITN's ownership is resolved, Stuart Purvis, ITN's chief executive, said. "It is particularly good news that it has

Central and London Weekend Television, sold 10 per cent each to Daily Mail & General Trust in April, taking their stakes to 26 per cent each. Yes-terday's sale to United brings them down to the 20 per cent limited stipulated in the Broad-"It is excellent news that the casting Act of 1990.

The remaining shareholders of ITN are Reuters with 18 per cent and Scottish Television with 5 per cent.

til earlier this year, having in-

herited stakes following their acquisitions, respectively, of

been resolved in this way."

Carlton and Granada, which held 36 per cent each of ITN un
The Independent Television

Commission, which regulates the TV industry, had criticised

Granada and Carlton for holding on to their excess shares through "dead-locked" companies, complaining that the arrangements were not in the spirit of the law.

But a Granada source defended the length of time it took to sell off the excess shares, saying it was commercially unfair to be forced to reduce the stake.

The scaling down of the Granada and Carlton positions coincided with negotiations over the renewal of ITN's lucrative contract with the ITV network, under which the news provider was paid £57m a year. I self or his children's trust for two

#### Eurocopy falls as family sells shares worth £7m

Eurocopy, the photocopier group, yesterday announced that a trust acting for the three daughters of its chairman, Cyril Gay, has sold nearly 10 million shares in the company for more

than £7m, writes Nic Cicutti. Shares in the company dropped 16 pence to 74p after the announcement, which reduces the Gay family's combined holding in the firm to 14 million shares, or about 29 per cent.

However, Mr Gay said yesterday he had given an undertaking that no further share placing would be made by him-

years. He said: "I have three daughters aged 28, 30 and 32 and like a good father, years before we floated, I passed shares on their behalf to an offshore trust.

"They are now old enough to look after themselves and with the co-operation of the trustees, have decided to divest about twothirds of their holdings. Although Eurocopy is a good investment, it is not ideal to invest all your money in one share. The aim will be to diversify the trust's holding."

Mr Gay said the family's remaining holding meant there was little danger any outside bidder could try to gain control. (F) Final (I) - Interior

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Kenwood AlBadces (F)	197m (142m)	15.6m (13,5m)	23.8p (22.4p)	10p (10p)
Low & Bepar (i)	211m (219m)	26.2m (24.8m)	18.43p (16.77p)	4p (3.6p)
Marting (F)	67.1m (64.4m)	5.1m (3.5m)	1.63p (0.85p)	0.85p (0.82p)
Megalomedia (F)	1.84m (1.05m)	0.31m (0.10m)	0.73р (0.83р)	nd (-)
Shield Diagnostics (F)	5.83m (4.76m)	0.28m (0.28m)	T.48p (1.48p)	ni (+)
Tamidas (F)	3.60bn (3.72bn)	323m (303m)	18.7p (17.46p)	9.95p (8.65p)
Capters (F)	61.2m (63.9m)	2.1m (1.6m)	9.72p (6.54p)	3p (3p)
Harry Ramadou's (I)	2.0m (1.67m)	0.17m (0.13m)	1.3p (1p)	1p (1p)
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Merrydown (F)	37.1m (23.5m)	2.03m (-2.7m)	10.83p (-17.85p)	4.5p (1p)
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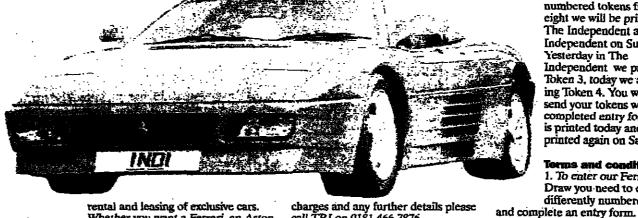
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# Wall St tumble would not mean the end of the world

It is not a bad rule of thumb that, when experts agree, one should ex-pect the reverse to happen. Never the less, the expectation is so general that it really does deserve to be taken seriously. The valuation of Wall Street on most measures is at the extreme top end of the scale. The Bank Credit Analyst valuation indicator, shown in the graph, is particularly worrying. but the BCA "fair value" indicator. shown below it, is also well out of line. Put at its lowest, there is a serious possibility that Wall Street will fall sharply before the year is out. The tremors of recent trading will then be seen as early warning of the main shock to come. So even if past experience suggests that the outcome will still surprise, the possibility of a sharp fall in share prices does at least seem serious enough for it to be worth proceeding to the next question: so what?

The central issue here is whether there is a clear linkage between what happens in financial markets and what happens in the real economy. One link is the cross-border one: does a fall on Wall Street lead to a world-wide crash? That, I think, can be quite easily answered by taking two reference points: the relative overvaluation of US markets vis-avis the others; and the experience of the recent past. As far as valuation is concerned US shares are indeed expensive on most valuations by comparison with European markets, but they are not absurdly out of line. They are high, but we are high, too. And the history of the last Wall Street crash, of October 1987. suggests a strong linkage with all

large markets except Tokyo. common sense conclusion would therefore be that a fall on Wall

#### ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH MCRAE

European share prices, though the been a sharp rise in the proportion fall would not necessarily be a onefor-one relationship.

The other, and in many ways more important link, is between financial markets and the real economy. As the Economist pointed out at the weekend, the collapse of the Japanese stock market has proved a serious inhibition on the recovery there. But Japan, with its substantial cross-holdings between companies, the weakness of its bank balance sheets and its tiny dividend yields.

of personal wealth held in mutual funds, unit trusts in our parlance. Indeed the flow of savings into these has been one of the main motors between Wall Street's recent strength. Suppose, so the argument runs, these funds are regarded by the holders as something akin to bank hal-ances (though in reality they are nothing of the sort), then were their value to fall US consumers would feel inhibited and cut back their spending. This would be a classic "wealth

#### 'We like being gloomy; a share price crash would suport our inclinations'

really is different from North Amer-

ica and Europe. In the US the experience of 1987 was that there was virtually no linkage between the financial markets and the real economy. This was not what was expected at the time, with the result that the crash encouraged policy-makers to cut interest rates (to offset the supposed deflationary impact of lower share prices) just at the point in the cycle when they should have been increasing them. This error increased the scale of the late 1980s speculative boom and hence

the scale of the early 1990s recession. Have things changed since 1987? There are several notential reasons here has

effect" as outlined in the economies textbooks, where a change in people's wealth, rother than their ncome, affects their spending.

This sort of wealth effect from a change in share prices would be less likely to occur here because share prices play a much smaller role in our direct savings. They are enormously important in indirect savings through life assurance and pensions, but we don not see the notional value of a pension to be claimed in, say, 20 years, as relevant to our current spending, and who can blame us.

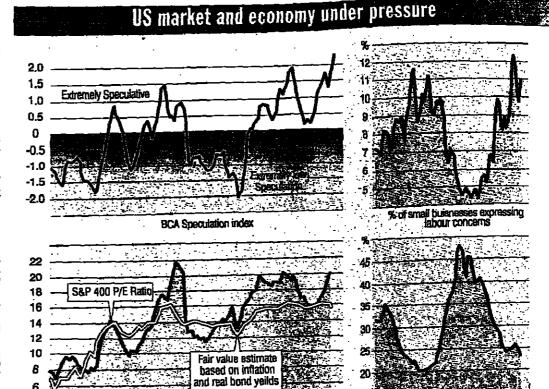
House prices are far more relevant. Never the less, personal shareholdings have risen since the late

of Pens, share bonus schemes and the continuing stream of privatisation issues. I think it would be reasonable to expect a sharp fall in shares prices to have some impact on current spending, though more through a perception of confidence in the country's economy rather than any direct influence though the share price movement itself.

Another link is through business confidence. Companies see their share price falling and might feel more concerned about the business climate in general, cut back output and so on. Again this is the sort of thing noted in textbooks, but here I suspect there is even less of a link. Look at the way in which the present share price boom has failed to boost business confidence: the main drivers of that seem to be order books; sustained, profitable, practical demand for the product. True, lower share prices make raising new equity capital more expensive, but the proportion of companies which would need to raise new capital at any one particular time would be limited. Most would wait until things looked up and meanwhile increase their

bank borrowings. Potentially more worrying is the possibility that the Japanese disease would manifest itself in Europe: because of cross-holdings of companies capital a share price fall affecting the solidity of the banking system. This would not happen in the US or the UK because banks are not long-term holders of industrial companies' shares, but it is possible on the Continent, particularly in Germany.

Conventional analysis comes up with a fairly bland conclusion. Yes, a share price collapse would, through the wealth effect, have some impact 1980s as a result of the development on demand in the US and to a lesser



higher interest rates and higher taxes coupled with lower share prices

all hitting the economy at just the

wrong time. Remember, the US

economy is at full capacity, with pres-

sure on the labour market, as shown

extent in Britain. But it would not be at just the time when the next British so dramatic that it could not be coungovernment had to tighten policy to tered by a looser monetary policy. I would go along with that don'tget-excited line were it not for three

Monetary indicato

ings. First, the US mutual fund link is important and new: we could see recession in the States, and if that happens it will surely spread here. Second, the fall in share prices, if delayed into next year, could come

case faces higher interest rates. Higher interest rates there will help drag up rates here. cut back consumer demand: the danger of the "triple whammy" of

Finally, the share-owning culture may have taken more root here than we realise and a change in the spending habits of a small propor-tion of the fairly rich might trickle down. We like being gloomy; a share price crash would give us addition-

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# market report/shares

# The bid that never was puts sparkle into drink sector

FT-SE 100 3741.5 -1.7 Once again the expected melt-down was kept on ice as lead-ing shares ignored Friday's FT-SE 250 4339.5 -27.7 New York crash. Second-liners, FT-SE 350 however, displayed rather less 1881.5 -3.3 aplomb with wide-spread falls. SEAQ VOLUME 598.3m shares,

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With trading remaining thin the stock market presented a rather artificial appearance, often giving the impression it was merely ticking over await-ing the end of the sultry days summer. Much of the day's action re-SHARE SPOTLIGHT

volved around the takeover bid that never was. For months rumours have swirled that Grand Metropolitan was destined to be the subject of corporate action. High on the list of possi-bilities was a break-up bid. The weekend revelation that Guin-ness had looked at Grand Met sistently weak performers.

Guinness ended 4p higher at 474p after touching 479p. Although the stories of a bid for Grand Met turned out to be wide of the mark they did at least demonstrate that the brewing and spirits giant was acutely aware of its slumbering shares and was casting around for ways to improve its

Other spirit shares stirred modestly. Allied Domecq managed an early 7p gain but set-tled little changed at 448p. Burn Stewart, a tiddler, edged ahead livet, which has suffered the indignity of a hid below its the indignity of a bid below its market price, firmed to 158p; Highland Distilleries, the predator with 51 per cent of the capital, also edged ahead. MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

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Grand Met has said it looked at demerging its food and spirit operations but decided it would not improve shareholder value. Allied is widely expected to opt for splitting its retailing and spirit businesses into stand-alone operations. Glenmorangie, unchanged at 765p, is adopting a higher profile and once its ruling family relinquishes con-trol the mait whisky group would be open to a bid.

open the floodgates to copies

of its best-selling ulcer drug Zantac, which has sales of

But on the ill-wind philosophy Holliday Chemicals, set to produce a generic form of Zantac in the US. gained 11p

to 144p.

Bank of Scotland edged forward 3p to 244p as marketing got under way for the sale of most of Standard Life's stake.

The incurrence group is selling. The insurance group is selling around 29 per cent, retaining

of an expected encouraging trading statement at tomorrow's AGM. Allders put on 13p to 211p; it is planning to hand out some of the £160m windfall from the sale of its dutyfree business. A share buy-back or more shareholder-friendly special more

dividend is expected.

Lucas Industries dropped 9p to 218p on stories its proposed partner, Varity, the US car parts group, could attract a bid before the merger can be

consummated. Orange, off 3.5p, found a new 204p low and utilities were under pressure on the continuing debate about a windfall tax.

The expectation of takeover action among media players continued to create interest.

a trust linked to chairman Cyril Gay placed nearly 10 million shares with institutions. The pending departure of chief executive Claes Hultman continued to worry Eurotherm, off

24p at 520p.

Healthcall tumbled 29.5p to 105.5p following a profit warning and Shield Diagnostics' profit standstill and disappointment it could not appointment it could not provide more details of its trials pushed the shares 19p down to 141p; Systems Integrated Research, floated at 115p in April, tumbled 27p to 88p as it forecast a loss an-88p as it forecast a loss approaching £400,000. The dull computer sector left MM Computing off 23p at 465p and Micro Focus 10p at 790p.

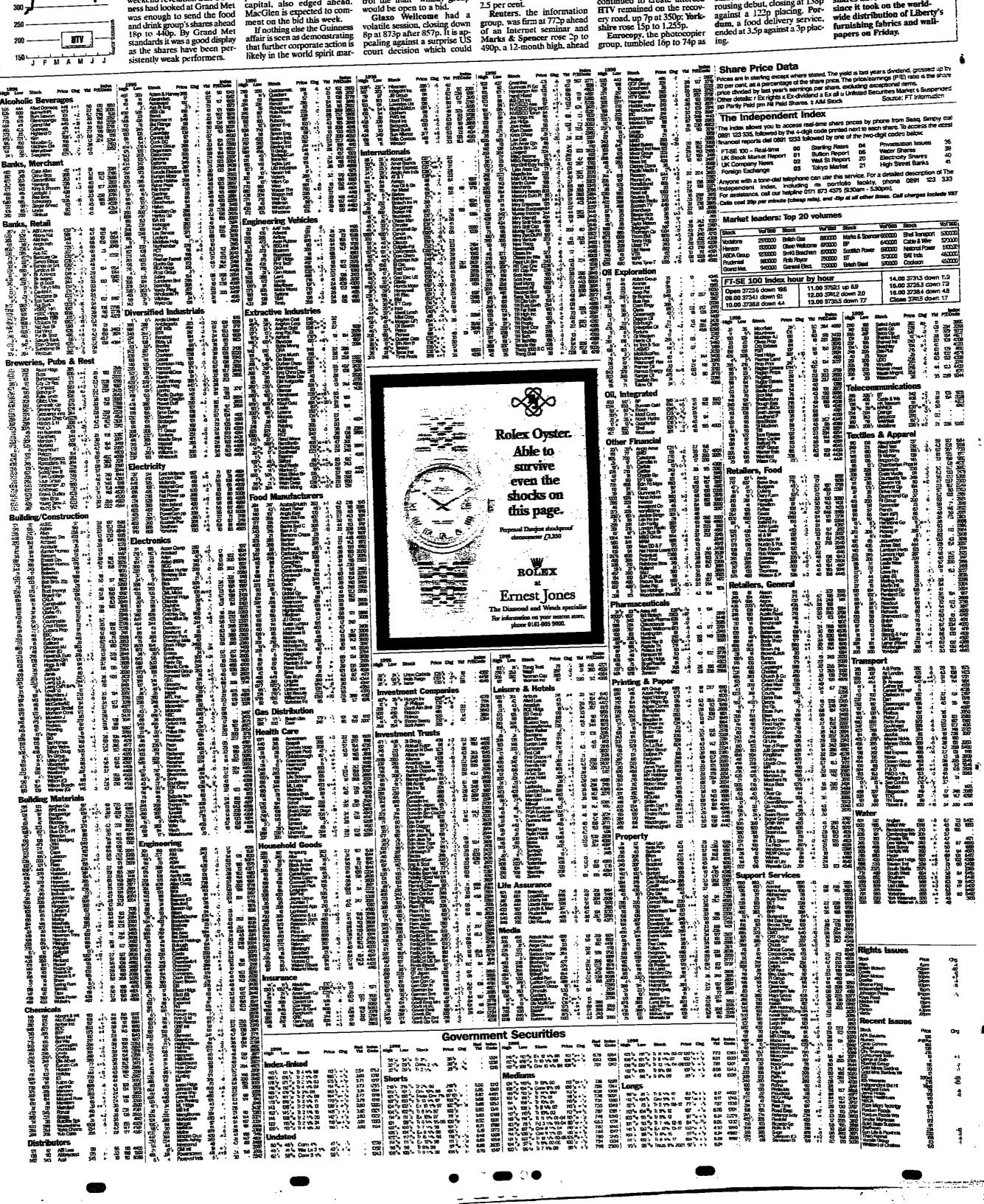
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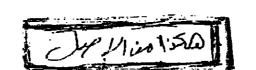
TAKING STOCK

DEnnemix, the little aggregates group, has attracted another industry giant, RMC has emerged as the mystery buyer, picking up 1.1 per cent of the capital at 50p a share through James Capel. It is seeking more stock for "strategic reasons" but has

no plans to bid. Its action follows 2 46p agreed offer from French group Lafarge and an unsuc-cessful bid from Redland earlier this year. With Lafarge and Redland each sitting on 41 per cent of the aggregates tiddier RMC will have difficulty patting together a worthwhile stake

Osborne & Little, the fabrics group, jumped 42p to a 12 month high of 710p. The shares have climbed 80p since it took on the world-





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# Khassah to take shine off Dazzle

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The winning post at the end of the July Course will be the most obvious marker at Newmarket today, but by no means the only one. For many racegoers, there will be a mental milestone too, placed at the point where, with four Classics and Royal Ascot already behind, the first half of a Plat season has finished and the second can be-

The July meeting at Headquarters brings more than just a change of mood. The cast list too will reflect the advancing

drop away, and the Pattern cycle for two-year-olds is set in motion. From now on, the winners of good juvenile events will have two prices - the one they started at and the derisory one on offer for the 1997 Guineas, all of nine months distant, Smart punters, as ever, will back them at the former and ignore the latter.

Indeed, this year the process has started even in advance of the Cherry Hinton Stakes, today's valuable contest for twoyear-old fillies, with Ladbrokes quoting Dazzle, who is expected to start favourite today, at 20-1 for next year's 1,000 Guineas, Khassah, perhaps her

For Khassah's trainer, John Gosden, the second half of the season cannot start too soon. The opening months of the campaign have generally been miserable ones for Gosden, but when Shantou ran third in the Derby it announced that some form was returning to his string, and his strike-rate over the last fortnight has been almost 25 per cent.

Khassah (next best 3.05) should improve Gosden's percentage still further today, for while Dazzle may have won Royal Ascot's Windsor Castle Stakes on her racecourse debut. it was hardly the strongest jution at the Heath meeting was

ly looked outstanding both in est scrutiny, even if it is a nonthe paddock and on the way to starter for betting purposes. post, and even more so on the. way hack as she comfortably put two lengths between herself and her field. With three unbeaten runners in today's race - collecting the card's most valu-(Peter Chapple-Hyam's Ocean Ridge is the other) this could be

record intact. Chapple-Hyam chose the maiden which opens today's card to introduce Colonel Collins three years ago, while last year the finish was fought out by Alhaarth and Mark Of Esteem. Although the big Newmarket yards are not represented today, this should again

a very significant contest, and

Khassah should emerge with her

every bit as impressive. The fil- be a maiden worthy of the clos-Whatever the fate of Chap-

ple-Hyam's debutant, Equal Rights, in this race, the Manton trainer stands every chance of able event, the Princess of Wales's Stakes. While the purse is not quite the £20m which might seem appropriate. AS-TOR PLACE (nap 3.40) can still add a worthwhile sum to his handler's prize-money total and strike a blow for the Classic generation in the process.

Though he has won just a single, very weak, race so far this season, Astor Place ran much better in the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) than his

eighth placing might suggest. In receipt of almost a stone from the likely market leaders, Bequeath and Singspiel, his chance is far stronger than his odds might indicate.

A maximum field of 20 will go to post for the one-mile handicap, but this is perhaps not so competitive a race as it appears and may take rather less solving than the nine-runner rated handicap later on the card. Ninia, Saifan, Crown Court and Charlie Chang are the ones for the short-list, with Ninia (2.35), now reunited with Jason Weaver, the probable winner, The rated handicap is far more problematic, and Galine is lit-

3.40: BEOUEATH, who was most

impressive when winning the List-ed Fred Archer Stakes by four lengths from Commoner over to-

day's course and distance last time

on only his fourth outing, looks a smart performer in the making. Singspiel, who ran Swain to a neck

1.10: DASHING BLUE, who was

tle more than a grope in the dark.

challenge for the Formula One title No team will travel a shorter distance to the British Grand Prix too, has that of Jean Alesi. this week, but Jordan-Peugeot are restless to go further. Come

Jordan raise

the stakes in

hunt for driver

Derick Alisop examines one team's

efforts to attract enough money to

major players. Such progress, of course, costs money. Although Jordan are yet to win a race at this level. let alone challenge for the title, they have earned a reputation for attracting sponsorship at a rate which belies their "second

the late summer, they hope to

be in the market for a driver of

proven winning ability and be

heading for the next Formula

One world championship as

division" status. They have about 32 backers (even their marketing man, lan Phillips, has to pause to tot up the latest tally) and have wrongfooted illustrious, now envious, rivals to secure a long-term agreement with Benson & Hedges, Peugeot and Total are not only suppliers and partners but also the team's other major

sponsors. Benson & Hedges contribute around 60 per cent of Jordan's annual budget, which is esti-mated at £16m. It is a huge amount, yet modest compared with the resources of McLaren, Williams and Benetton, and almost insignificant by Ferrari's standards, Michael Schumacher's salary alone accounts for that much, an irony in itself as Jordan gave the German his debut.

The team are matching their own ambition with developments at their factory, across the road from the Silverstone circuit. Their work force, 42 when they entered Formula One five and a half years ago, will be up to 95 by the end of this month. Now they are chasing the extra cash.

Phillips said: "We have set ourselves a target whereby at the end of the month we will know where 75 to 80 per cent of our money for next year will be coming from, and that gives you greater powers to invest long term in drivers."

Probably the next thing Jorecure the money to do, is put themselves in a position to buy a driver you know is capable of winning, one who has a pedigree of winning. "When the driver market starts to be busy we need to know we are going to be a player in that. As yet, we have not been able to be a player."

That may be disturbing news for their current drivers. Rubens Barrichello and Martin Brundle, but tantalising for the sponsors and potential sponsors. And that, patently, is part of the

Nigel Mansell has frequently been linked with Jordan, and pedigrees, the former champ- of that without money."

Rugby Union

in South Africa.

Sale have signed Dewi Morris,

the former Orrell, England and

Lions scrum-half. Morris has

not played competitive rugby since announcing his retire-ment after last year's World Cup

Morris has agreed a three-

year deal to become the Eng-

lish First Division club's latest

big-name capture. Brian Wilk-

inson, Sale's chief executive,

said: "We have great plans and

an exciting vision of where we

wish to be in five years' time.

Dewi intends to play a big part

Sale have already snapped up

Adrian Hadley, the former

Welsh rugby league and union

international, in a permanent

deal. The club have also agreed

a short-term winter deal with

John Devereux, the Widnes

and Wales rugby league centre.

Wales international prop John

Davies as club captain. He

Neath have appointed the

in that development."

Morris returns with

three-year Sale deal

ion's name has inevitably cropped up again of late. So.

The driving force of this perpetually moving operation is the team's owner, Eddie Jordan, a Dubliner who always did talk a good race. Long before he negotiated deals for space on his grand prix car, he sold salmon to rugby fans over for inter-nationals at Lansdowne Road.

Phillips said: "He is, for a period of 10 to 12 minutes, the most blinding salesman you are ever likely to meet. He's not a con man because he genuinely believes that what he's saying he can deliver. And at a grand prix he will charm the pants off 500

people in the Paddock Club.

Most people call us Laurel
and Hardy. Eddie will come up with the wonderful, innovative sales pitch, and at a certain time he'll come to a halt and I add the practical side of it. I guess it is a double act, but the inspiration is always Eddie.

"The other thing we have going for us is a tremendous public following considering we don't have wins and championships to our name. We want people to visit our factory and get involved with Jordan at other events. We take our car and team to the people. We are not élitist. There is perhaps too much élitism in Formula One."

Optimism and vitality have been a feature of Jordan since that first season, when they finished fifth in the constructors championship. As yet, they have to improve on that achievement. and they acknowledge it is time

they did.

"You can go for so long with the strategy of keeping the sponsors happy seven days a week, and hopefully we'll never lose that," Phillips said. "But at the end of the day the reason we are passionately involved in this game is because we want to win. and, of course, sponsors want to be associated with winners.

"We came in as total privadan needs to do, and needs to teers in 1991, at the depth of probably the biggest recession for 50 years, and we built a very solid platform during difficult times. But the honeymoon period must now be over. The pressure is on. We don't want to be known as people making up the numbers. We are trying to convince our sponsors that with serious investment we can buy the drivers that are going

to win the world championship. "We have Peugeot, who are very close to having the best en-gine in Formula One, and we are investing in our own resources to make sure we've got a car capable of matching the since there are precious few best. The final element is drivers around with winning drivers. You can't achieve any best. The final element is

> The world champions, South Africa, have delayed naming

their side for Saturday's Tri-

Nations Test against Australia

in Sydney because of an injury

to their full-back Andre Joubert

The South African tour management will today check on the

fitness of Joubert, who was

hurt in last week's Test against

Fiji. The South African coach,

Andre Markgraaff, has given

Jouhert, who has an upper

body injury, a better than 50

back, South Africa would almost

certainly switch either James

Small or his fellow wing Justin

Swart to fill the gap and bring

in the speedster Pieter Hen-

driks, who is recovering from a

to last Saturday's 43-6 hiding

from New Zealand by making

four changes to the team to

meet South Africa, Stand-off

Pat Howard, scrum-half George

Gregan, flanker Daniel Manu

and prop Andrew Heath have

all been recalled.

bout of gastroenteritis. The Australians have reacted

With no other specialist full-

per cent" chance of playing.

#### campaign, as horses which have most serious opponent today. Khassah's successful introducbeen with us since April start to is 25-1 for the same Classic. Farrell injured as mount collapses

Anthea Farrell, the leading antateur rider and former partner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Jodami suffered head and hip injuries yesterday when horse she was riding at the Great Yorkshire Show col-

lapsed and died. Farrell, daughter of Jodami's trainer, Peter Beaumont, was reported to be in a comfortable condition in Harrogate General Hospital last night.

Farrell suffered her injuries as she was riding the 12-yearold chaser Choctaw. "The horse

2.05 Rehearsal

2.35 Crown Court

3.05 Dazzle (nb)

3.40 Bequeath

DRAW ADVANTAGE: No

NEWMARKET

GOING: Good (watering). STALLS: Im 2f - stands side; rest - far side.

HYPERION

Right-hand course with 1m straight.

Course is SW of town on A1304. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket stations.

ADMISSION: Club 520 (16 to 25-year-olds 58); Grandstand & Paddock 510 f16 to 25-year-olds 55); Family Enclosure S3. CAR PARK: Members 51; remainder free.

■ LRADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Coeff— 63 winners from 266 numers gives a success ratio of 23.7% and is loss to a 51 level state of \$7.50; J Gooden — 52 winners, 549 numers, 14 9%, −\$71.66; R Blannon — 44 winners, 544 numers, 8.19%, −\$235.75; B Bills — 34 winners, 376 numers, 12.3%, −\$108.64.

B Hills — 34 winners, 276 Transers, 12.3%, ±108.64.

LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery — 115 winners, 496 rides, 23.2%, ±51.19; L Dettori — 75 winners, 519 rides, 14.5%, ±128.64; W Carnot — 51 winners, 471 rides, 10.8%, ±375.37; T Quian — 35 winners, 329 rides, 10.0%, ±119.03.

ELINKERED FIRST TIME: Charlie Chang (2.35), White Emit (4.10).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Times Of Times (6.15) won at Yarnouth on Wedners

4.10 Dashing Blue

4.45 Aunty Jane

5.15 Spender

spokesman at the showground said, "He had a heart attack or suffered a brain haemorrhage and died a few minutes later."

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Crown Court (Newmarket 2.35) **NB: Commander Gien** (Pontefract 2.20)

Ray Cochrane, out of action since suffering a dislocated shoulder in a fall at Taby race-

collapsed on top of her." a course in Sweden on 4 June, will make his return to race-riding at York on Friday.

> Having been ruled out of the Derby meeting, Cochrane had initially hoped to make his comeback as soon as Royal Ascot. But the jockey's injury took longer than expected to heal, and he decided last week to sit out the Eclipse meeting. France's Anabaa was well backed yesterday for Thursday's July Cup and is now 3-1 from 4-1 with William Hill who eased Pivotal from 6-4 to 7-4.

CROWN COURT is a big, 80,000-dollar son of Chef's Crown and and he has shown steady improvement in maidens, laterly when thad in a sa-numer Beverley contest won by Fahrm. The fourth, Desert Frolic, is an improver, but he won in good style lest Thursday of a mark of 70 and so Crown Court tooks reasonably meated, at least, off the same raming. The Beverley numer-up, Shehab, wise a winner ned time, too. Tawwill has changed stables this season, johing Michael Harmond from Toen Deer. A change of scenery often results in Improvement and Tawkill is interesting off today's handcap mark bearing in mind that he was given a lot, to do when a two and a half lengths' fourth to Alimphism at Newcastle (7h last time. That is a race that Tawkill has been something of a seven-furlong specialist. But he is throughly held up for a tim of foot and could make a letting run at the leaders. Nordlines was conceding sith to Concer this when third to that horse in the Geoffrey Hamlyn Hendicap over the Judice mile at Kempton last. September and that form has ment. Ninha is in good heart judiced on her Doncaster than tretegrated to fourth) to New Certury nine days ago, while Changle Shart to assess but shaped five a progressive sort on his first two starts this year and is now itself in binkers.

Selections: CROWN COURT

3.05 Hallsdown Cherry Hinton Stakes (Class A) C4 (Group 2) £35,000 270 filies of Pen Value £22,792

- 9 declared NDEPENDENT RUTNES: 118 EYE SHADOW, 108 Dazzle, 107 Dazze Laura, 105 Connemera, 91 Ocean
Ridge, 90 Lyclifty, 82 Rich in Love, — Klassiah, Well Warned

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There was no mention of the Cherry Hinton immediately after KHASSAH took the same As-cot marden turraced filties; won by Bint Secabil last year, but John Gosden did say that the daughter of Green Desert had been doing everything right and treat the first time she had

come off the bridle was when attempting to jump the path at Asobt (shades of Rischerli.

My feeling is that she could be smart bearing in mind that that the Asobt second; Well Warned, has also been given the Cherry Hinton route. Well Warned has a foxely pedigree, being by Warned out of a full sister to Zakonto's dain, but Rhassah beat her neety deshite the geenness. Dazzde won the five-furlong Windsor Castle at Royal Asobt and the form has been bot-

stered by the next-time wan by runner-up Vax Star at Sandown last Friday. Dazzle was the

stered by the next-time win by numer-up Van Star is Sandown lest Friday. Dezde was the third newcomer to win the Windsor Castle in so, the pest an seasons and it is difficult to tell how the class of the race measures up. She got the allowances but was ridden at overweight by Kieren Fallon. So, with Van Star wiming on ground she may not have liked too much, the form could be decent. Ocean Ridge had coits behind her when landing the Kennett Mald-en over the timp at Newbury and the form has been boosted by fifth-placed Mr Bombasique. Ocean Ridge won by four lengths despite taking a strong tug and did look extra useful. Rich to Love has needed her first two runs twinning at Ripon, the second time) and is going to relish every vard of seven furforgs. Green so far, she could still be in with a shout. Demoe Laura's experience after four runs could count for plenty and she is still on the upgrade judged on her Queen Mary second.

RETTING: 3-1 Dazzle, 5-1 Dame Laura, Wrassah, Ocean Ridge, 6-1 Well Warned, 7-1 Conne

8-1 others 1995: Applaud 2 8 9 Pat Eddery 11-2 fD Loden 8 ran

(GROUP 2) 2.35,000 2TO TRIBES OF PEN VARIGE 222

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CROWN COURT is a big, 80,000-dollar son of Chief's Crown and and he has shown steel

NEWMARKET 2.05: REHEARSAL, who was outpoced before staying on to finish 71/2 lengths third to Juwwi and Flaming West in a six furlongs maiden at Newbury on his debut, will be better for the experience and should ap-preciate the extra furlong today. Zugudi is another with the benefit of racecourse experience in a field

2.35: CROWN COURT, who possibly found the ground too firm when just over three lengths third to Fahim and Shebab over a mile and 100 yards at Beverley, enters hand-icaps on a lenient mark. Tawafij may be the chief danger.

which is packed with interesting



3.05: DAZZLE, who beat last Friday's Sandown winner Vax Star by 21/2 lengths on her debut in a stakes race over five furlongs at Royal Ascot, will be suited by a sixth furlong today. Dame Laura, a length second to Dance Parade in the Group Three Queen Mary Stakes at Roy al Ascot over five furlongs, should also stay. He looks the danger.

hampered by a faller when finish-ing a highly creditable two lengths seventh to Mallia in the William Hill Trophy Handicap over six furlongs at York, may turn the tables on the short-head second at York, Pleading, on 5th better terms.

vious danger.

4.10 TYPHOO TEA RATED HANDICAP(CLASS 5) £12,500 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £8,184	C4	
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1 141-130 DASHING BLUE (24) (D) (Ars Duncan Alleni i Bailding 9 7	Dwycz (5) S	
2 04-112 PLEADRIG (24) (D) (Samon Broke: H Candy 8 13	C Retter 3	
3 321 DUBLAT DANN (24) (D) (Sheikh Motammed) J Gosden 8 11	j Kingoz 4	
4 65356 LUCKY ARCHER (24) W ) Greatery ( British B 11	B Doyle 6	
5 120-520 ROYAL MARK (21) (C) (Lord Swayming) J W Ware 8 10	T Quien 7	
6 1-24123 WILDWOOD FLOWER (24) (D) IG Howard Samin R Harmon 8.8	07ielii (3) 8	
7 322-31 DARK DEED (USA) (35) (D) (N Abdullati) B HE's 8 8	at Eddery 1	
8 1-10241 GALENE (11) (CD) (5 Fustolo 1: O'Gorman 8.8	O'Gorman 2	
9 3-05545 WHITE ENER (1.7) (The Three Bears Racing) B Meetian B 7.	FEgan 98	
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BETTING: 7-2 Pleading, 9-2 Dark Deed, 5-1 Deel At Darm, Wildwood Flower, 6-1 Galiae, 13-2 Roy-		

al Mark, 7-1 Deshine Bine, 16-1 White Emir, 33-1 Lucky Arches 1995: Penyston View 3 8 10 M Brith 6-1 /P Calve

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Dashing Blue is running well and the colfs run last-time-out can be ignored because he was unlucky in running when seventh of 18 in Malliats York handicap last time. Pleading and Wildhood Flower were second and bird by York, but Dashing Blue can be lanced to run them close even if it is a bit off-putting that Dayer, who goes to scale at less than 7st. 7fb, wil have so much "dead" weight in the saddle. Dashing Blue gave Darik Deed Sib and a cosy two-length beating in a Rippon malder last August and so the issue is far from clear at the consequence of the Tetlery on her bank. When Darik a cosy two-length beating in a Ripon maiden last August and so the issue is far from clearcut in Dark Deeds (avour here despite the presence of Pat Edday on her back. When Dark
Deed beat DUEL AT DAWN by a length and a half in a Portefract maiden (60) a morath ago,
Barry Hibs's filly was getting Sib. This time, the officence is only 3lb and it would seem that
Duel At Dawn has a bit more scope for insprovement. Certainly, he was not given a hard
time at Ripon once Dark Deed essented and he had previously run that ait Warwick (7th to
a filly I consider to be better than most people think, the John Bosley-trained Pusey Street
Garl, Duel At Dawn how has a win under his belt countesy of a Lingfield maiden and is the
tentative choice for a difficult handicap. Widewood Flower has begs of pace but is close to
being in the handcoppers grip off a rating of 87. At least Dane O'Nelli can called 3lb off.
Galling is 9lb higher than when winning here last time (5t) but Pleading has a style of funning which means she might be a step ahead.

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4	.45	HARTLEYS JAM RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £12,500 added 3YO fillies 7f Penalty Value £8,169
1		LINICONDITIONAL LOVE (GS) (Airs H Conroy) M Johnston 9 D
2	21P4	AUNTY SAVE (5) (D) (SF) (Paul H Locke) S Has 8 13Pat Editory 10
3	4-01.345	PREBIOS CA (17) (D) (P B Adams) R Harmon 8 9 Reld 6
4	1-2462	MISS RIVIERA (17) U.L.C. Pesnosi G. Wrasel B. 8
5		ROSES IN THE SHOW (17) (6 Howard Sorts) J Hole 8 5 R HAL 4
6	1-01002	LELU CLASSE (18) (D) (C Leafe) A Foster S 1T Sorable 1
7	414-035	OCEAN GROVE (26) (R E Sangstex) P Chappie Hyam 8 0F Norton 8
8	3-42151	POETRY (17) (D) (Michael H Neogh) M Tomplons & O
9		HEPPY (5) (BP) (D Sign) (: British 6 0
10	0231-	JEZYAH (USA) (280) (D) (Harritan Al Makroum) R Amakrong 8 ()
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AUNTY JANE was getting 5th from the first two and 9th from the other when "besting" horses rated 102, 100 and 105 in a four-runner boncaster conditions event (1m) last time. ,

Aunty Jane was thrown out for causing strategence on the way to a half-length margin of

rotory. By common consent, sive should have won turning the proverbial handsprings. With

Aunty Jane currently rated 97, she could be handicapped with a fighting chance and she

had four lengths in hand of Charlotte Cordsy when taking a Chester mader in May. She

was reportedly larne when pulled up in a Listed event at Epsom atherwards. Prends Ce won

a valuable handicap at Chester in May and might have found the mile of the Ferri Hill just

beyond her at Ascot last time (she races freely). LBIL Claims is running well and Poetry is

on a winning roll. The form shown in completing a hat-trick looks a shede suspect at this FORM GUIDE on a winning rol. The form shown in completing a hat-trick looks a shade suspect at this tougher level, but she still ergers calculations along with Hippy. Selection: AUNTY JANE

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5.15 NGK SPARK PLUGS SOHAM HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 added 5f Penalty Value £5,208
1 255,101. FRIENDLY BRAVE (11) (0) (God Pertnersho) Mrss Gay Helichay 6 9 10
2 031602 SPENDER (LI) (D) (The Enterpareurs) P Hams 7 9 10
3 0001-50 BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY (51) (CD) (Mrs. Auty Hunt) P Howing 6 9 B
4 160-001 TIMES OF TIMES (6) (D) (A S Read) M Ryon 3 9 3
5 436052 SHADOW JURY IA (D) thirs learne Chapman) D Chapman 6.8 12
6 04-1265 PMGEBOY (171) (O) Nort Scandale P Hastern 7 8 12 J Wester 1 B
7 000031 RICH GLOW (5) (D) (M ) Basesoni N Bycroft 5 & 12 (Yex)
8 O-SQ43O GONE SAVAGE (15) (D) (The Square Table) W Museon 8 B 9
9 035501 JOHN O'DREAMS (12) (D) (Peter A Brazzer) Mrs A Ying 11 8 4
10 034644 FEATHERSTONE LINE (4) (D) (D Parket Miss L Sciool 5 8 1P Robinson 9 V
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WIMBLEDON 96: Steffi Graf and Richard Krajicek impose a kind of order. John Roberts looks back at a fortnight of chaos

# Spirits lifted by surprises galore

fortnight ago, berudely interrupted by falling seeds, regular sessions of water torture, and a streaker: "Wirabledon could turn out to be a tournament for the ecc atric."

The one constant factor was Steffi Graf, who overcame her aches, pains and snuffles and won the women's singles title for a seventh time in a repeat of last year's final against Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

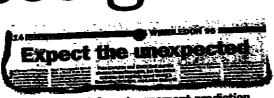
"I feel I'm in seventh heaven," Graf said during her speech at the champions dinner at the Savoy tossing in a little joke that when the All England Club's chairman, John Curry, did not arrive promptly she thought he might have been "arranging a male streaker for me".

The chairman had one or two other matters on his mind, such as when the tournament would finally end. He paid tribute to the efforts of his foul-weather friends, Chris Gorringe, the chief executive, Alan Milks, the referee, and Eddie Seaward and his ground staff, all of whom had featured more prominently than the competi-

iors at various times. While Graf needed no introduction, the men's singles champion did. and perhaps the most touching moment of the evening came when the chairman presented Richard Krajicek with his purple and green membership tie.

The 24-year-old from Rotterdam is the first Dutchman to win a Grand Slam singles title, never mind the most prestigious of the four. He said he hoped that his victory would inspire young boys back home to pick up a racket. Whatever about that, it has certainly taken their minds off that 4-1 drubbing by England at Wembley.

Krajicek also shares with Boris Becker the distinction of being Wimbledon's only unseeded singles champions. The accomplishment was denied to eight other unseeded finalists, Wilmer Allison, Kurt Nielsen, Rod Laver, Marty Mulligan,



Fred Stolle, Wilhelm Bungert, Chris Lewis and, of course, MaliVai Washington, who was defeated by Krajicek on Sunday,

Washington, while disappointed not to be in posses-sion of "a beautiful cup". accepted his invitation to the dinner and was arguably the most popular person in the room. The 27-year-old American may not have won the big

Tim Henman has climbed into the top 50 of the world rankings for the first time. The 21-yearold Briton moved up 23 places to 39 after reaching the Wimbledon quarter-finals. In 12 months, Henman has moved up 237 places - in June last year he was ranked 276. Greg Rusedski has dropped seven places to 72, having been 33 earlier in the year.

prize, but he certainly charmed the spectators.

As for the new champion, it would be misleading to describe Krajicek as a late developer. especially since he has suffered almost as many injury problems

One of his most frustrating experiences came at the Australian Open in 1992, when he defeated Michael Stich, the previous year's Wimbledon champion, in five sets in the quarter-finals but had to miss the semi-final match against Jim Courier after damaging his right shoulder playing doubles.

Krajicek hardly made the most promising of starts to this year's campaign. He lost to Greg Rusedski, 7-6, 7-6, in the opening round of the Sydney tournament in January, and retired hurt during his match against the Frenchman Jean-Philippe Fleurian in the third round of the Australian Open. Andre Agassi said of Kraji-

cek: "He only has to think about tennis and he gets injured". A glance at their relative achievements so far this season suggests that Agassi would be advised to apply his own mind and body to

Krajicek, who is 6ft 5in, always had the potential to make an impact on grass courts, but he tended to lack the confidence in his return game to maximise the advantage of a mighty serve. He advanced to the third round in 1991 and 1992, and the fourth round in 1993, but consecutive first-round defeats persuaded the All England Club not to give him a seeding, even though he came :..to the tournament ranked No 13 in the world.

"I was surprised I wasn't seeded, of course," he said after the final, "because I had been playing well, although it was on clay, in the finals of Rome and the quarter-finals in the French Open. But I understood a little bit, because in the last two years I lost in the first round. It does not bother me too much. It's not like I have the feeling that I have proved something to the committee." The way he dismantled Stich

in the fourth round and Pete Sampras, the holder of the title for the previous three years, in the quarter-finals, proved something to everybody.

Tim Henman, while lacking Krajicek's physical presence, can take encouragement from the Dutchman's success. At the same time, Henman's prospects of winning Wimbledon one day should not obscure the essential point, that the nation at last has a contender of substance on the ATP Tour.

The 21-year-old from Oxford's advance to the last eight was one of the most inspiring features of a tournament which in other ways threatened to dampen the spirits.



Double delight: Martina Hingis (right) and Helena Sukova on their way to victory yesterday

a variety of reasons - Euro 96, a couple of Tube strikes, incientent weather after the previous three championships had been bathed in sunshine, and the early elimination of such notables as Agassi, Monica Seles, Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker, who injured a wrist.

Few major entertainment productions would be able to withstand such a culling, and the international television net-

Attendances were down for works became increasingly uneasy as the days went by.

Tennis has always been driven by personality, but the sport's transformation as an industry since embracing professionalism in 1968 has intensified the demand for star names to sell tournaments.

The position may not have been so acute back in 1973, when Wimbledon boasted record crowds even though the majority of the leading men Millns doubles the punishment

year-old Swede by the name of boycotted the championships Bjorn Borg was defeated in because of a dispute between

the quarter-finals by a Briton, Roger Taylor. fessionals and the International Overall, the All England Club is left with much to con-In the final, Jan Kodes, the Czech No 2 seed, defeated Alex Metreveli, from the Soviet Union, the No 4 seed, but it

sider in the months ahead. And perhaps, when the item headed "streaker" is discussed, some of the older members may smile and ask themselves why "Gorgeous Gussie" Moran's lace panties caused such shock hor-

# for Hingis

Martina Hingis yesterday became the youngest Wimbledon champion in history – aged 15 years and 282 days – after she and partner Helena Sukova quickly completed a mind de quickly completed a rain-delayed women's doubles victory. The Swiss girl and Sukrova celebrated after their victory over Meredith McGrath and Larisa Nieland by 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 as Wimbledon went into its

hird week. "It's great to win at Wimble don. For every tennis player it's a big goal to win Wimbledon, even the doubles," said Hings, who is three days younger than the previous youngest, Lottie Dod, who took the singles title in 1887.

Hingis, beaten by the seventimes champion Steffi Graf in the singles, added: "Hopefully one day I'll do it in the single too." The final had been held over from yesterday because of persistent rain interruptions. but Centre Court was packed as fans took advantage of free

The resumption was held up for 15 manutes to allow hundreds of late arrivals the chance to take their seats - then the action lasted just three minutes.

Hingis and Sukova, from the Czech Republic, had been a set and 5-2 down but had turned the match around to lead overnight 4-1 in the third set. Sukova held her serve to 15 and she and Hingis gained their first match points at 15-40 with the American, McGrath, serving.

Sukova squandered the first with a forehand over the baseline. But Hingis clinched their victory with a backhand down the line at Nicland's feet when the Latvian's backhand failed to get the ball back over the net. Sukova also carried off the

mixed doubles with her brother, Cyril Suk, after a marathon stint. Sukova played three matches in the mixed yesterday, winning lier quarter-final against the Americans Luke Jensen and Nicole Arendt 6-3, 2-6, 10-8; her semi-final against the Canadian Grant Connell and the American Lindsay Davenport 6-4 6-2; and the final against the Australian Mark Woodfurde and the unfortunate Neiland 1-6, 6-3, 6-2

### Kent emerge top dogs

Cricket

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Maidstone Kent 363 & 244 Durham 269 & 255 Kent win by 83 runs

There is no doubt about it, cricket is a dog's life. Kent, who finished bottom of the pile last season, are back as County Championship top dogs after Durham rolled over with a whimper and handed them a comfortable victory and maximum points here yesterday.

From the moment Carl Hooper's off-spin tempted Stewart Hutton into presenting mid-on with his wicket Kent were hungry to snatch the match from their opponents. They scented victory from then on and circled nicknamed "Frog", had to hop

their prey like a pack of wolves, picking off stragglers and strugglers and enticing away the stronger ones into ambushes.

Finally the coup de grâce. A murderous burst of fast bowling by the England discard, Martin McCague, docked the Durham tail before it had much of a chance to wag, picking up two of the last three wickets, which fell in the space of a dozen balls shortly after the game entered the final 16 overs.

Durham are now without a win in their opening 10 matches, while Kent are five points clear this morning. McCague's three wickets took his tally to 38 and there was an encouraging trio of victims for Dean Headley. Unfortunately, having returned to action following a serious hip problem. Headley.

out of the action shortly before McCague began the last rites. He strained his left ankle, although he was confident of being fit for the NatWest second round tie at Derby tomorrow.

Given their record this season, the 328 runs that Durham needed for victory when they set out yesterday were always going to be too many, but they had all second-innings wickets standing and Sherwin Campbell, the West Indies Test opener, wanted a second Championship century to convince sceptical Durham fans that he is worthy signing. He did not get it. After nearly four hours of graft he could not resist a slash at Nigel Llong and fell in the gully 15 runs short of three figures.

With him went any realistic hopes of a Durham win, yet there was always the hope that



McCague: Three-wicket haul

they could hold out for the draw. But when the captain, Mike Roseberry, still battling for form despite a first-innings half-century, departed for an in-effectual 17 only Phil Bainbridge stood in the way of annihilation, and his hour and a half of snarling at the Kent predators was wiped out when McCague thundered in from the Rugby End and sparked a savage finish.

#### MICHAEL AUSTIN reports from Leicester Leicestershire 454-9 dec Essex 163 and 247 and 44 runs

Leicestershire win by innings His performance meant that This was a romantic match for David Millns and the result a

boon for Leicestershire. County champions for the only time 21 years ago, they have swept back into the top three in the table. Romance for Milins, 31, was joining the rare breed of those who have taken 10 wickets in a game and scored a firstclass hundred, a maiden one at that - more akin in modern times to Sir Garfield Sobers, Mike Procter and Ian Botham.

Millns, an England A tourist, was at his devastating best as he

second innings, returned 10 for 128 overall, and offered a reminder of what could have been in a career that began with Nottinghamshire.

the Association of Tennis Pro-

could hardly be said that the

draw was completely lacking in

characters, with Ilie Nastase seeded No 1 and Jimmy Con-

nors at No 5. In addition, a 17-

Tennis Federation.

Essex were sent packing, back to Chelmsford, for lighter duties in the NatWest Trophy against Durham tomorrow. They were beaten by pure Leicester professionalism: fast bowling and outstanding catches - by Adrian Pierson at wide third slip and Aftab Habib at long off. Leicestershire have the bond-

ing factor - the new-age cricket huddle borrowed from rugby. Someone called it "bondage" maybe because when a batsman is dismissed, the fielders link arms in a circle. They also have a designated daily catchword in these post-wicket-taking rituals.

took 6 for 20 in 7.4 overs in the It was probably "golf" this time because they were well on course for that before lunch. As for Millns, he was mean and magnificent, and had a catalogue of success that would

have made Essex's Ronnie Irani wince. Irani, omitted by England, dashed from Trent Bridge last week, only to bag a pair in six balls and be dispatched for four an over when bowling. It was another triumph for Leicestershire, having beaten Yorkshire, also by an innings, in

their previous match. They have been lightly regarded for umpteen years, but Essex, with seven assorted titles in the 1980s to Leicestershire's one, do not view it that way. They have now lost five consecutive Championship matches to perhaps the county that might be regarded as their Midlands equivalents -

Tetley's Challenge Series

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home-spun upstarts away from the Test ground focus.

The wickets grabbed by Millus in the second innings were clearcut: Paul Prichard leg-before to a ball keeping slightly low; Irani dismissed playing a poor stroke; Robert Rollins hanging around and waiting for a caught-at-thewicket decision; Such and Neil Williams brilliantly taken. Finaily, Ashley Cowan's off-stump

was clipped, all in 15.4 overs.

Martin Bicknell and Brendon Julian bowled Surrey back into title contention yesterday with their first Championship success against Middlesex for nine years. Bicknell took 4 for 57 and Julian 3 for 54 as Surrey shot Middlesex out for 194 in their second innings at the Foster's Oval. Surrey the raced to 61 for 3 to win by seven wickets - and pick up maximum points.

### **Northants in fine** fettle for the Cup

ADAM SZRETER

reports from Northampton Northamptonshire 152 & 396-4 dec Pakistan 323 & 205-8 Match drawn

A day that began steadily, ended brightly but sagged rather shabbily in the middle, will ultimately have left neither side with cause for complaint as they focus on their more significant tasks ahead. The tourists will be happy in

the knowledge that, in Shadab Kabir they have uncovered a real gem of a left-handed batsman, waiting for his opportunity at Test level should Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul-Haq or Salim Malik fluff their lines.

Northamptonshire will go into their Cup double-header with Lancashire, first at Old Trafford tomorrow and then at Lord's on Saturday, in confident mood after an opening stand between Richard Montgomerie and Alan Fordham that was worth 255 when Fordham decided to retire.

Quite why he took that decision remained a mystery for some time, although as he has played little first-team cricket this season and is unlikely to feature final perhaps he felt obliged to

give a chance to someone who would be playing at Lord's. In the end, perhaps mindful of his av-erage, he was listed as retired hurt, with apparent eye trouble, rather than retired out. Fordham had reached a cred-

itable century in the last over before lunch. Montgomerie went on to emulate his partner but the bowling throughout the afternoon was not very serious. In all, Pakistan used 10 bowlers and two wicketkeepers before the declaration came setting a target of 226 in what turned out to be 33 overs.

Kabir was promoted to open and he proceeded to cut and drive his way to 52 from only 60 balls before being caught low down at short extra cover by Rob Bailey off Jeremy Snape. Wasim Akram and Ijaz

Ahmed threatened to launch an assault, but it was nipped in the bud when Ijaz was run out for 39, made from only 30 balls. Wasim perished soon after and when Rashid Latif was bowled by Snape for a duck the game

seemed to be up for Pakistan. But Moin Khan and Asif Mujtaba took an instant liking to Snape's off-spin and put on 63 in double-quick time. Moin, eventually fell for 39 and the draw was effectively sealed when Montgomerie held a in the Benson and Hedges Cup steepling catch to dismiss Saeed Anwar in the penultimate over.

**Britannic Assurance** County Championship Gioncestershire v Glamorgan sessou: Geograficative (4pts) draw with Sicercesconstantine (\*\*)

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Overdue home win for champions

Round-up

Warwickshire achieved their first home Championship victory of the season yesterday as they edged out Nottinghamshire by 85 runs with Ashley Giles taking 5 for 70 - his best figures of the season - after the visitors had been set a target of 297 in

He was well supported Shaun Pollock, who took 3 for 19, as Warwickshire triumphed with

14.1 overs to spare and took the defending champions to fifth

Pollock trapped Tim Robin-son lbw for nought in his first over but Paul Pollard and Ashley Metcalfe looked to have given Nottinghamshire a solid base with a stand of 91 in 35 overs. After a wayward opening spell, Giles switched to the City End and had Metcalfe caught behind for 44 and in his next over Paul Johnson perished at mid-off for two.

Wickets then fell at steady intervals and the only resistance came from Kevin Evans, who made 60 before he was last out caught hooking at Poliock. Glamorgan's Steve Watkin

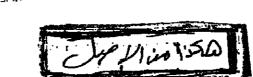
broke into Gloucestershire's tail with a spell of three wickets in seven balls without a run being scored, but the Welsh side still had to settle for a draw. The home side held on with two wickets remaining and nine fielders around the bat for Watkin's final over.

Felt: 1-33, 2-103, 3-114, 4-128, 5-129, 6-192, 7-201, 8-205. Did not bat: Mohammad Alcam, Shahid Nazr. Bewilling: Boswell 8-0-52-2; Hughes 7-2-46-5; Shape 9-0-63-3; Capel 7-1-34-1; Balley 0,5-0-3-1. Uampires: T E Jesty and P Willey.

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Britain need to

Goals are an essential com-modity in any Olympic chal-

lenge and they have been in

scarce supply for both British

teams in their final prepara-

tions against the more serious

challengers for a gold medal.

Both team coaches have ex-

pressed their disappointments

and frustrations at their prob-

lems in that area and have tried

desperate last-minute efforts to

David Whitaker, resorted to

showing videos of Sean Kerly's scoring attributes and then

pushing Russell Garcia, the

only surviving member of the squad that won the gold medal in Seoul, forward - both with-

Both teams go to Atlanta

with the benefit of more "pro-

fessional" preparation than any

previous squads. The men have

problems were clearly brewing.

The change-over has not

helped, but the unprecedented

size of the programme over the

eight months and the loss of

form of Calum Giles, the spe-

cialist penalty-corner striker,

are equally significant.

out immediate success.

address the problem.

# Berzin's lead melts away in snow

Cycling ROBIN NICHOLL with the Tour de France

it was a bizarre day of ups and downs in the Tour de France yesterday. First it snowed, then the 189 kilometres into Italy was reduced to 46. The day ended with Biarne Riis in the yellow jersey and Yevgeny Berzin, the overnight leader, in second place.

The giant Dane rode into the ski resort of Sestriere alone and triumphant after escaping midway through the race on the Col de Montgenèvre to wipe out Berzin's advantage of 35 seconds. Berzin lost ground on the long drag to Sestriere and finished Imin 23sec behind.

Riis, third in last year's race now leads by 40 seconds. His victory was about the only clearcut event of a day that Jean-Marie Leblanc and his fellow organisers would like to forget. The original start at Val d'Isère was cancelled before

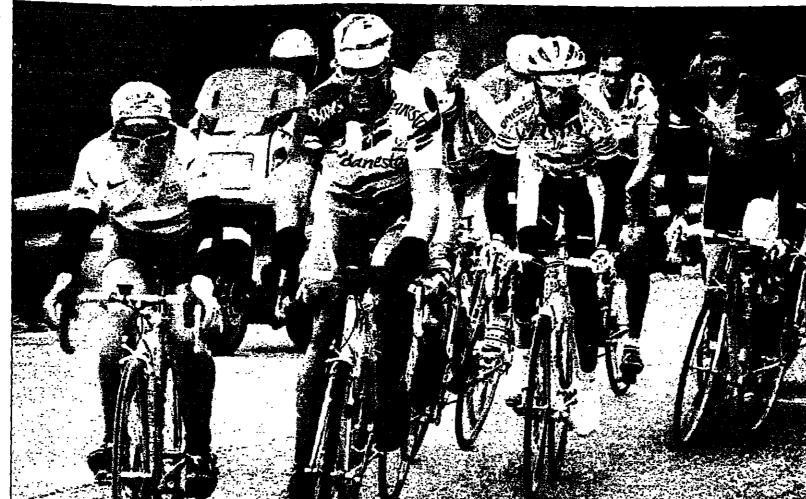
breakfast after overnight reports If snow and strong winds on the flighest climb of this Tour, the 2,770 metre Col d'Iséran. Then, with everything in

place to start the race from Lanslebourg at noon, 45km into the original route, similar conditions were reported on the 2,640 metres Col du Galibier. The stage was further reduced, and rescheduled to start at 3pm from Monetier-les-Bains,

The riders rode most of the route in team cars and were led over the Iséran by a snow-plough. "I was frustrated by the changes because I had a plan to attack, but when I saw what it was like I realised that we could not have raced on those mountains," Riis said.

Leblanc has handled emergencies in the past, but this was the first occasion that the weather had caused maybem for him. It was, after all, July. "It was a shame for the climbers." Leblanc said. "But what we had to do was commonsense. and for the safety of the riders."

On the road to the Col du Galibier there was total confu-



Miguel Indurain and Yevgeny Berzin lead the chasing pack into Sestriere yesterday

up the mountain. Advised that the road was closed, they drove down again until the message reached them that it was open.

On the slopes, frozen spectators gave the thumbs down to the passing vehicles and shout-ed insults. On the Iséran pass things got nastier as spectators. who had spent a freezing night in their camper vans, threw nails on the road.

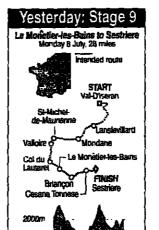
The Tour has suffered vicious weather since it started 10 days ago but Miguel Indurain has remained calm even in his weekend of setbacks.

"Riis is dangerous and has a good team. I intend to attack sion. A long line of traffic drove but always intelligently," he fling talents.

said, knowing that he still has 12 days to claw back just over

His team director, Eusebio Unzue, was equally positive. "Miguel is recuperating and with the weather due to improve he should find his true form, he said. "There were signs in this stage, because in the final kilometre he recovered 20 sec-Indurain particularly wants to

make a triumphal entrance into his home town of Pampiona in nine days' time. This will be the biggest test of his impressive reign and could be the revival of a Tour mummified by his sti-





Photograph: Jacky Naegelen/Reuter

#### South Korea are the men's first opponents. Not too much

The breathless humidity of

ing professional with amateur.

champion. Chris Boardman. and Max Sciandri for the 229kilometre race over the Buckhead circuit on 31 July, but Boardman's real target is the individual time trial over the same roads, three days later. Riding the road race will

give him the chance to assess the course, because training is forbidden on the circuit.

Sciandri, the Italian who gains selection by virtue of his being born in Britain, will be suited to the undulating course, but there will be a queue for the medals.

#### end goal famine SPORT-BY-SPORT **GUIDE** No1- HOCKEY

is known of them, although they won the Six Nations Tournament in Ipoh in which Britain finished fourth.

Points against South Korea and the Dutch, who seem to be running into form, in the second game, seem essential if Jon Copp, the recently appointed replacement for Britain are to mount a challenge for a place in the semifinals. Malaysia and South Africa who follow will be no walkovers but should provide full points. Britain's final pool game is against Australia, who are strong favourites for a place in the semi-finals.

The women's eight-nation round-robin format, with play-offs for the medal places, will provide a stern test of fitness and, most of all, consistency.

played 39 internationals since Again, South Korea and the Dutch provide Britain's they started their build-up last November and have spent endfirst opponents in a competiless weeks at Bisham Abbey tion where each team is very The unfortunate departure of Whitaker, just eight weeks capable of taking points off each other. To equal or better before the Games, has clearly their bronze medal in Barcelona would be a real been detrimental to prospects. It might have been easier to face had it happened several achievement for Britain.

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#### Boardman leads pursuit of medals

Georgia will be nothing compared to the rarefied atmosphere of racing alongside Miguel Indurain and other

first time. The road race particularly has a new edge, and a new class, the élites, merg-

Mixing Tour de France hardened riders with top amateurs sets both on their mettle, and the British manager, Doug Dailey, said: "It's a real bonus that we have been able to bring in stars of this calibre." He names the Olympic track

Jostling at the head will be the Frenchman Laurent Jalabert, Spain's world champions, Indurain and Abraham Olano, a bost of new Italian talent, and a particularly ambitious American, Lance Armstrong,

SPORT BY SPORT GUIDE

Bike racing is now wide first Olympic gold for 72 years open" with the Olympics ac when he won the 4,000m purcepting professionals for the suit on the Barcelona track. The new world champion. Graeme Obree, and Yvonne McGregor, the world's second fastest woman pursuiter, will have to dig deep for gold.

Australia are the dominant nation in track racing. They took three world track titles last year, and with Germany and Italy will be the biggest threat to British chances.

The track racing (Stone Mountain Park, 24 to 28 July) could be influenced by the novel track surface described by Dailey as "laminated kitchen tops laid side by side".

Since Barcelona the 100km team time trial has been replaced by mountain biking (Georgia International Horse Park, 30 July), and Britain have a medal hope in the European champion, Caroline Alexander. The Americans, originators of this sport, may find the European challenge rather hot.

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Robin Nicholl

### Law round in record 64

Gordon Law, who was sensarionally disqualified from Open qualifying last year, set a new course record of 64 at Glenbervie vesterday.

Law, 31, from the Uphall Club in West Lothian, signed a wrong card last July. "It was my own fault for not noticing the mix-up," he recalled.

"What made it all the more annoying was that my 66 would have enabled me to qualify for the championship proper by two shots. I'll never forget seeing my figures up there with the wrong name at the top."

Law has been enjoying one of his best seasons with winnings of £13,000. He was fourth in the Scottish Championship at Dalmahoy and runner-up last month in the Club Professionals Championship at County Louth.

That earned him a place in the Johnny Walker PGA Cup match at Gleneagles and he was joined among the qualifiers by another member of the Great Britain and freland team, the Northumbrian Sieve McKenna, who shot 67. Law made his score without

dropping a shot. He birdied four Roles on the outward half and three more on the back nine. collecting twos at two of the four short holes. The Australian amateur James McCallum claimed second place with a 65, also without dropping a shot. In addition, he birdied three of the four short holes.

Thalidomide victim Geoff Nicholas's dream of playing in the Open was shattered before the tenacious Australian could even tee off.

Nicholas, nicknamed "The Little Jack Nicklaus in his home country", broke part of his artificial leg while warming up in the driving net before the start of the qualifying competition at Copt Hill near Birmingham.

As a result, the multiple winner of the world amputee title had to leave the course to get a simple repair and was too late to tee off. Nicholas has developed a successful career in Australia since his professional tour debut in 1992.

Meanwhile, the Worcestershire-based Rob Stevens (Abbey Park), shot a two-underpar 69 to end a frustrating three years and progress to the final qualifying stage. The former British University

champion has been a disillusioned player since 1993, when he blamed himself for Staffordshire failing to win the English County Championship, and has played little golf since.

This season his father, Ivan, urged him to try to qualify for the Open. The outcome was his best score for three years.

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### **Johnson recovers momentum**

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

200 metres by Frankie Fredericks in Oslo on Friday, recov- had an allergic rash, and ered his momentum at the Stockholm Grand Prix last night with an assured victory in 19.77sec, a time only he has beaten this season.

The Texan, who set a new world record of 19.66 at the US trials last month, finished well clear of Trinidad's Ato Boldon. who recorded 19.94. It was a con- a dazed look on his face after the vincing riposte to those who suggested his confidence may have been affected after losing his unbeaten 38-race sequence in Oslo to the jubilant Fredericks.

lifted a meeting which had earlier had to suffer the withdrawal of Moses Kiptanui who had a Britain's Kelly Holmes, who was suffering from sinusitis.

Tony Jarrett's Olympic preparations were disrupted last night when he was disqualified from the 110 metres hurdles after registering two false starts. The world silver medallist walked away from a top class field with starter had ruled he had been responsible for the third false start in the event. Jarrett had held up the race on two other occasions, first to remove some by but claimed second place Zellner.

do up his shoelace. It was a nervy performance from him.

Jarrett's British team-mate impressively at both 100 and 200 and when the race got away at the sixth attempt he started well enough to remain in contention with the US world champion Allen Johnson on his right over the first four hurdles. Both men faltered at the sixth hurdle crashing down their barriers, but the American recovered better and pulled away to win in 13.25sec. Britain's world record holder, still searching for his best form after suffering tendinitis in his right knee recently, finished ragged-

Michael Johnson, beaten over cold, the world 100 metres. Colin Jackson remained im- metres in Lausanne last week, giants of cycling when Atfield to win in 10.07sec. Jon Drummond, one of America's individual entrants for Atlanta. was given second place over the world champion, Donovan Bailey of Canada. Both men were credited with 10.09sec.

Boldon, the US-based

Trinidadian who performed so

Jonathan Ridgeon, ideally seeking a 400 metres hurdles run in something close to 49 seconds, had to be content with a time of 49.59 as he took sixth place in a race won in 48.91 by an American who has not qualified for the Olympic team, Torrance

will be created by Brian Smith's

departure from the Bradford

Bulls at the end of the season.

Like Platt, Monie's contract at

the Warriors expires at the end

Iestyn Harris, Warrington's

Welsh international stand-off, is

the Stones Super League gold

award winner for his perfor-

of this season.

#### Grayshon out of the game after 28 years "After 28 years in the game, I didn't need the sort of abuse "Players have gone and not been replaced," said Grayshon, Wigan boss, John Monie, is being linked with the vacancy that

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD

Jeff Grayshon has brought an end to 28 continuous years in the game by resigning as coach of Batley. Grayshon, who played until after his 45th birthday two years ago, resigned following the defeat by Rochdale Hornets on Sunday that put Batley at the foot of the First Division.

The former Great Britain forward said that he was not getting a response from some of his players and also blamed abuse from a section of Batley's supporters. match this time.

Republic of Ireland defender, as an im-mediate replacement for Barry Hunter who yesterday joined Reading for

Jean-Michel Roussier, the general man-ager of Marseille, has said that Adilson, the Brazilian defender, will join the for-

few days on a contract for three years provided he passes a medical. Addison, a tough and uncompromising defender

a toger and uncontracting deriver who can also play in midfield, helped the Brazilian side Gremio win the South American Libertadores Cup last year. He will take the place of the retired defender

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Batley would have been promoted to the top division last year for the first time in their history, if it had not been for the reorganisation involved in Super League. But they finished next to bottom in the new First Division in the last winter season and have won just one

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whose long playing career in-cluded successful spells at Dewsbury and Bradford. "It will feel strange being out of the game after all this time, but it hasn't really sunk in yet."

Salford, hot favourites to win the same division and promotion to the Super League next season, have set their sights on signing Andy Platt, the former Wigan and Great Britain prop who is due to return to England after two seasons with the Auckland Warriors. Auckland's coach, the former

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Ronnie O'Sullivan was yesterday fined £500 by the World Professional Siliards and Snooker Association after being found guity of breaching two of the game's disciplinary rules during the British Open at Plymouth during the 1995-96 season. The punishment will not affect O'Sullivan's two-year suspended sentence received for a backstage incident EVENING RACING RESULTS

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to Atlanta over the weekend to prepare for the Olympics, in which he will represent Spain in the equestrian events. He will leave his decision as to whether Sil Sila's name should be added to the list of entries for the Ir£200,000 Classic until the last moment. "It's entirely up to the owner." Smart said vesterday. The supplementary stage is at noon, and it is his decision." If Sil Sila is not supple-

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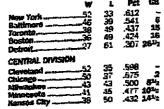
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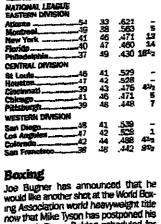
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self and Bruce Seldon," he said. Football

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Helen Alfredsson has deposed Britain's Laure Davies at the top of the Ford Order of Merit table following her victory in the Hennessy Cup at Refrath in Germany on Sunday. The Swede's winnings total £71,250 from two tournaments this year. Davies stands in second place on £63,750.

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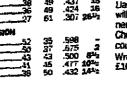
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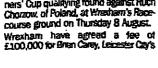
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THIRD TEST: Injured Hussain forced to sidelines while England's batsmen grind out another day in the middle at Trent Bridge

# Hick in danger after poor run

reports from Trent Bndge India 521 England 550-7

The bold claims made by England's captain, Mike Atherton, that his team could still win this third Test match, were shown to be nothing more than wishful thinking after another slow day's lay at Trent Bridge, However, dull days can still provide interesting sub-plots, and the dif-fering fortunes of the newcomer Mark Ealham, who scored 51, and experienced Graeme Hick, who again failed with a leaden-

footed 20, were revealing. Having bowled on the unforgiving surface. Ealham knew there were no excuses not to score runs on it. Pushing his first ball in Test cricket firmly past mid-off for two, he got off to an assured start which continued to blossom until he skewed a drive to cover point off Javagal Srinath, three balls after reaching his lifty. In between, he betrayed his cricketing lineage with a compactness of stroke that was the spit of his father, Alan, the Kent captain when the

county ruled the roost. In contrast, Hick spent 64 minutes until lunch scoring just five runs, and that was after he had struck the second ball he received for four. Having gone to the wicket with the score at 360 for two, the situation was tailormade for Hick to give the bowling a good mauling, but he scemed strangely cowed by the situation, as if India were sending down a chunk of explosive and not a five-and-a-half-ounce

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year he has played. Even so, his form has appeared to alternate between hot and cold, and scores of 8, 1, 6 and 20 in the current series suggest a talent not at ease with itself. Before this season, he had been dropped for four of the five home series since

his Test debut in 1991. Hick, you may remember. was one of the players, along with his captain, who was given leave to miss the county game preceding this Test match. But whereas the rest cure clearly helped Atherton rediscover his powers of concentration, it has done little for Hick, whose mechanical batting style needs rhythm, not rest.

In any case, holidays are not for everyone, and Margaret Thatcher reputedly never took one until she was forced to by her own party in 1991, the year Unless he can score some big runs for Worcestershire in the next fortnight, he may find himself going much the same way when England next gather at Lord's for the first Test against Pakistan later in the

Even more distressing for England though, will be the possible absence of Nasser Hussain. Having had his right index fin-ger cracked by a lifter from Srinath during the last over of Saturday's play, it will be touch and go whether he can recover in time for that Test. Broken fingers usually take at least three the severity of the fracture. With Hussain the one man currently in form. England will be desperately hoping he is a quick

Trent Bridge scoreboard

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That desperation was palpable when England's physio-Hick's batting average at Test therapist. Wayne Morton, announced that Hussain was to



undergo treatment in an oxygen chamber in order to try and speed the healing process.

His absence at the start of play meant that Atherton had to begin with a partner on nought instead of a strokeplayer with Saturday's 107 behind him. It was a factor that certainly contributed to England's laboured start, with Atherton receiving another reprieve - his third of the innings when he was dropped by Vikram Rathore at second slip

off Saurav Ganguly. With another slice of luck and a whole day's batting unreeling before him, Atherton would have had his sights on a huge individual score. Instead, the next chance he offered proved to be his last, Venkatesh Prasad forc-

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The combination of Ather-

ton's departure and Hick's arrival and subsequent go-slow catalysed Graham Thorpe into unleashing a brace of stunning cover drives off Srinath. But if he was fortunate to survive some corking deliveries from the ever-impressive opening howlers, it was a gentle swinging ball from Ganguly that fi nally had his name on it.

Hick was next to go, caught off the leading edge at mid-on trying to repeat a whip to leg off Venkatapathy Raju. It left Eng-land on the healthy but highly superstitious score of 444 for four, a sequence that immediately struck five balls later when Jack Russell was out for nought edging Prasad to his opposite number, Nayan Mongia.

However, refusing to be cowed by such voodoo symmetry. Chris Lewis fine-glanced his first ball to long leg for four. Lewis generally looked in good touch and struck the ball sweetly until Anil Kumble managed to slide the perfect flipper into

Program: Hassan retired 14th overnight, 350: 451 min, 111.5 overs, Lunder, 355 for 2 (Thorses, 451 min, 151.2 overs, 450 for 5 min, 153.2 overs, 460 for 5 (Exham 34, Leves 16) 150 overs, 460 for 5 (Exham 34, Leves 16) 150 overs, 500: 690 min, 169.1 overs, 560: 772 min, 193.5 overs. That left Dominic Cork and Attenton's 150: 413 mm, 336 bats, 18 fours. Enimm's 50: 148 min, 116 balls, 3 fours. Umpfree: A T France (Sri Lanka) and G Sharp (Eng). Min Patel to take England past India's score, and they ended the day 29 runs ahead. So far, over a thousand runs have been scored without both teams' first innings being completed. That is a cop out, not a cricket match.

A radical search for way to relieve tedium

JON CULLEY

Jagmohan Dalmiya, the secretary of the Indian Cricket Board, is an expansionist and a radical who has brought unease to the game's traditionalists by suggesting, among other things, that draws in Test matches might have outlived their accept-

the point when the International Cricket Council reconvenes today at Lord's, where Dalmiya hopes to be made chairman, he might simply produce a clutch of this morning's newspapers, in which can be found descriptions of a Test match moving at a tedious pace towards stalemate, watched by a crowd barely larger than turns out here for the Sunday

The third Test has, indeed. offered a compelling argument for finding some way of ensuring that futile exercises do not recur. A flat, slow wicket with only the occasional hint of life has would divulge no detail othgenerated cricket of much the er than to say the results same character, which has would have to be obtained been reflected in the size of the through "real cricket". This would rule out the

The ground was full on Friday and Saturday, but very few of the 13,000 holders of ad-vanced tickets for each of those days bothered to show up again yesterday, with many more of Trent Bridge's white seats left

Dalmiya was present to witness the scenes himself. "Draws can be an important part of the game," he said, "but in international sport there is no point in playing for a handful

"I would always prefer to see a good day's play in a Test rather than a one-day match but something has to be done because people are not interested in watching five days without a conclu-

sion. What Dalmiya did not say is what he would actually do, other than appoint a committee of experts. He had "certain ideas", he said, but

**Players** squander a surface to savour HENRY BLOFELD

The English are a funny lot. Afier poor pitches for the first two Tests, at Edgbaston and Lord's, England and India have predictably found much the best surface at Trent Bridge for the Third and final Test.

As a result, runs have been scored in bulk by both sides and a draw soon became inevitable. So, we now hear that this is too good a pitch for Test crick-et in much the same way as, after 10 days of chilly rain, the first two days of sunshine are greeted with loud protests about the unbearable heat.

Yet those who complain about the boring cricket this pitch has produced are showing how customs have changed since the 1940s, '50s and '60s when it was a batsman's game. Crowds came expecting to see huge scores being made.

In those days, however, the spectators had one important advantage over a modern audience: the game moved more quickly because of the significantly faster over-rate. A full day's play produced many more than today's 90 overs, and with more balls to face the scoring rate was obviously higher, the game progressed faster and dull draws, which still happened, were less inevitable. Also, umpires were more prepared to give batsmen out.

Nowadays, crowds have been conditioned by the hustle and bustle of limited-over cricket, which has effectively outlawed the protracted battle between good batsmen and clever bowlers, often spinners, where maiden overs were frequent and fascinating. Test cricket has always been an examination: one-day cricket an exhibition,

Those who have condemned this pitch forget, too, that this match would have moved forward much faster had the fielding been adequate. India's slips were a disaster. If all the chances given had been accepted, we might well have been looking forward now to the prospect of an exciting last day.

I believe that Frank Dalling, who has taken over the Trent Bridge pitch, should be congratulated. There was more life in it than the scores suggest: the seam bowlets, especially Javagal Srinath, were able to find bounce and movement, and one lost count of the number of times batsmen were beaten outside the off stump. The pitch did not let down the players as much as the players let down a pitch which provided a truer test of cricketing skills.

### Saunders sets 20-goal target

Football

NICK DUXBURY

Dean Saunders returned to the Premiership yesterday talking a good game. The 31-year-old striker completed his £1.5m move from Galatasaray with the intention of ending Nottingham Forest's search for a goalscorer by bagging at least 20 next season. Saunders, who spent a year

in Turkey, scoring 21 goals in 28 games, has been recruited to give Forest the firepower that Campbell, Lee, Silenzi and Co failed to deliver last season. "I always set myself a target

of 20 goals each season and I'm not going to change now," the former Derby, Liverpool and Aston Villa forward said. "I can't promise to score 20 goals but I feel certain I will be able to improve the team at Forest."

Having upgraded the front end, Frank Clark, the Forest manager, intends to strengthen the back by signing the Croat international Nikola Jerkan. Clark has agreed a £1m fee with Real Oviedo, which will take his spending for the summer to £3m. A work permit for the 31year-old defender, who played in the Euro 96 quarter-final against Germany, has still to be secured but Forest do not en-

The Danish international

season training today with a Middlesbrough team whose disciplinary record has led to Bryan Robson making an embarrassing appearance before the Football Association. Birmingham tomorrow to sort

The Boro player-manager, who worked as assistant to England coach Terry Venables during Euro 96, will face a disciplinary commission in Manchester on 9 August. The club will be hoping the powers of persuasion he brought to bear on the £4m Emerson and the £7m Fabrizio Ravanelli will deter the FA from handing the club a heavy fine.

The former Premiership clubs. Queen's Park Rangers and Manchester City are also on the carpet as are Portsmouth, Luton, Millwall, Gillingham and Hartlepool.

Beck is believed to have though he has been involved in a disnute with Fortuna Cologne, who demanded a transfer fee because they claimed they had a year's option on his expired contract. A preliminary court hearing in Germany supported Beck though the decision has off my food," he said. yet to be ratified. Manchester United have ex-

perienced "a slight hitch" concerning the £3.5m transfer of Karel Poborsky, the Czech Republic midfielder from Slavia Prague. Negotiations were postponed at the weekend, but organisation has 33,000 mem-Maurice Watkins, United's le-bers.

cal director, described the delay as "nothing serious". Fernando Nelson, the 26year-old Portuguese international right-back, will arrive in

out personal terms with Aston

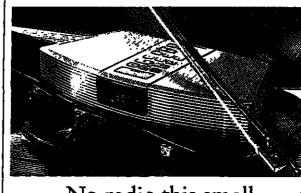
Villa over his £1.75m move from Sporting Lisbon.

A tribunal has ruled that Queen's Park Rangers will have to observe a sell-on agreement and pay £350,000 to Tottenham Hotspur for the striker Steve Slade. Rangers had offered £100,000 for the England U-21 international, who has signed a four-year contract.

The speciator who caught the Euro 96 final ball after it was kicked into the Wembley crowd by a jubilant German player has given it to the makers of the crown jewels for safe keeping.

Peter Gibbons, a 33-yearsigned for Middlesbrough even old carpenter from South Harrow, has refused four-figure sums for the ball and has ac-cepted an offer from Garrards to keep it in the same safe whe the Premiership trophy is held "I am very nervous about har ing it. I have lost sleep and I as

The Referees' Association president. Peter Willis, h ioined the call for the 'golde goal' rule to be consigned to th scrap heap. "In my view, it is un natural and brings a brutal en to a game," said Willis, who



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